

<b>UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION</b>			
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**Standard Operating Procedure**

The University of Toledo (“UToledo”) is committed to the efforts of strengthening relationships and increasing supplier diversity and inclusion by providing procurement opportunities for goods, services and construction projects to qualified diverse suppliers. This includes but is not limited to State of Ohio certified Minority Business Enterprises (“MBE”), Women Business Enterprises (“WBE”), Veteran Business Enterprises (“VBE”), Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (“BSVI”), and small businesses as established in the Encourage Diversity, Growth & Equity (“EDGE”) program, along with services disabled veteran owned and LBGT owned.

UToledo’s supplier diversity program is designed to foster and create the development and growth of these diverse suppliers thus contributing to the economic development of our community and surrounding areas.

UToledo’s supplier diversity and inclusion program’s core objectives are to provide education, outreach and to demonstrate continued growth year over year in number of suppliers and dollar opportunities awarded to diverse suppliers.

**Purpose**

To ensure equality of opportunity and nondiscrimination in the internal affairs of the University, with the public, and with individuals or organizations that do or desire to do business with the University.

**Procedure**

Diverse firms and suppliers must be registered with the agency/organization appropriate for their diversity designation as noted above, prior to consideration.

Upon award of work on campus, diverse firms and suppliers must also enroll as a supplier to The University of Toledo with Paymentworks. Firms and suppliers to provide certification documentation indicating their status as a diverse firm/supplier as part of the project contracting process.

For capital construction projects the diverse supplier goal is 15%. The requirement for meeting UToledo’s goal of 15% diversity can be met by the designation of any combination of the above diverse suppliers, contractors or professional firms including a 5% minimum allocation for EDGE certified vendors.

For purchases or projects not subjected to OFCC award procedures, UToledo will consider awarding contracts to diverse suppliers up to a 5% differential in price when all business considerations are determined to be equal among competitive suppliers; if budget/resources are available.