

# Let us help your small business succeed

**Opportunities** with  
the Washington State  
Department of Social  
and Health Services



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*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

## We want to partner with you ...

The Department of Social and Health Services, the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises, and the Department of Veterans Affairs are committed to increasing your opportunity to become a certified business and minority vendor. **Join us!**

## As a small business ...

You may become a diversity supplier **if** you are a licensed small business owner **and** one or more of the following applies to your business:

- ▼ Minority-owned
- ▼ Women-owned
- ▼ Veteran-owned
- ▼ Socially/economically disadvantaged

## What we buy ...

The Department purchases a wide variety of products and services from small businesses.

*Here are some examples:*

- ▼ Interpreter and translation services
- ▼ Medical transport services
- ▼ Client care services
- ▼ Construction and maintenance
- ▼ IT and project management consulting
- ▼ Catering services
- ▼ *and many more!*



## Benefits

to registration and certification

**Exposure • Networking • Bid Notice • Te**

## How to get started ...

### *Here are the steps*

**1 Licensed business owners** can find out if they are eligible for either the state or federal program (or both) through the Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (OMWBE) at: [www.business.wa.gov](http://www.business.wa.gov)

**2 If you are eligible, apply for certification** through OMWBE at: [www.omwbe.wa.gov/certification/](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov/certification/)

## If you don't have a business license ...

**Apply online** with a Master Business Application at <http://bls.dor.wa.gov/file.aspx>

## If you are a veteran ...

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs promotes Veteran/Service Member Owned Businesses. Check out the Business Registry at: [www.dva.wa.gov/program/business-registry](http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/business-registry)

## Be informed!

Once you register on **WEBS**, you can view current bid opportunities with the Department of Social and Health Services and other state agencies for online goods and services, facility consultants, construction contractors, and leased space.

### **More details at:**

[www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/office-diversity-and-inclusion/become-diversity-supplier](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/office-diversity-and-inclusion/become-diversity-supplier)

## Resources:

- ▼ **Washington's Electronic Business Solutions (WEBS)**  
*Washington State Department of General Administration*  
**<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>**
- ▼ **Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE)**  
**[www.omwbe.wa.gov](http://www.omwbe.wa.gov)**
- ▼ **Washington State's Veteran/Service Member Owned Business Registry**  
*Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs*  
**<http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/business-registry>**
- ▼ **Supplier Diversity Outreach**  
*Washington State Department of Social & Health Services*  
**[www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/office-diversity-and-inclusion/become-diversity-supplier](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/office-diversity-and-inclusion/become-diversity-supplier)**

*The Department of Social and Health Services provides equal access to its programs and services for all persons without regard to race, color, gender, religion, creed, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation/gender identity, age, veteran's status, the presence of any physical, sensory, or mental disability, or the use of a guide dog or service animal.*



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