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Agency's plan to increase participation of small minority-, women- and veteran-owned firms:

- The Agency Procurement Specialists will strive to utilize qualifying vendors, whenever possible depending on pricing and product availability.
- If the agency does not use a DES statewide procurement contract for any reason, the agency Procurement Specialists will pro-actively inquire with the vendors whether or not they may qualify as a MWBE and/or Veteran Owned Business. The agency will highly encourage businesses to participate by sending them registration access and instructions for participation via email.
- The agency has also began incorporating specific contract language participation in the MWBE and Veteran Owned Business programs as a requirement (if applicable) for vendors who will provide personal services and client services for the agency and/or the agency's clients.
- Agency Accounts Payable Supervisor will compare registered vendors against vendors receiving payment via Purchasing Cards and report those payments on a quarterly basis.
- Agency Procurement Specialists will attend any and all events sponsored by DES and/or OMWBE that focuses on qualifying vendors.