

# Minority and Women-Owned Business (MWBE) Resources

Washington State University is committed to providing opportunity for minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) to participate as suppliers of goods and services to the University.

To facilitate participation, minority business and women business enterprises are encouraged to be certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). This certification increases contracting opportunities with state and local governments.

The University also encourages certification by the U.S. Small Business Administration for small businesses, women owned businesses, small, disadvantaged businesses, HUBZone businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and service-disabled veteran owned businesses.

The Washington Small Business Development Center is dedicated to helping Washington businesses grow and succeed through advising, education, and research.

Contact the Washington State Department of Veterans' Affairs about veteran-owned businesses certification at (360) 725-2169 or visit the [US Department of Veteran's Affairs Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#).

[Washington's Electronic Business Solution](#) (WEBS) application is typically the first stop for vendors who wish to sell their goods and services to the state and bid on contracts. Here you can also explore what contracting opportunities are currently available and see the ones that are coming soon.

Learn how to [register as a vendor in WEBS](#).

Questions? Please contact Washington State University's Purchasing Services at (509)-335-3541