

EDGE/MBE Participation Summary - 2 Year Institutions

Institution Name	Owens Community College	CB Request	OTC0105012
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Overview of Institutions Purchasing Process

Owens Community College adheres to an effective and equitable procurement policy that is in compliance with the language and spirit of ORC 153. For any purchase or lease of equipment, material or supplies under \$25,000, budget authorities may make purchases upon reasonable review. For services under \$50,000, budget authorities may make purchases upon reasonable review. For construction and works of improvement under \$200,000, budget authorities may make purchases upon reasonable review. For all purchases above the aforementioned thresholds, competitive bidding is required. Competitive bidding refers to requirements for the solicitation of a request for proposals, a request for quotes, or a request for information from multiple suppliers of a good or service being considered.

Competitive bidding is waived when an existing contract, or other educational/institutional cooperative or membership extending pricing to the college are utilized as a source for the established price. (For an example, Owens community college, or the state of Ohio department of administrative services, interuniversity council, general services administration, educational and institutional cooperative, national joint powers alliance (sourcewell), national intergovernmental purchasing alliance, United States communities, provista, sourcing office, or Ohio association of community colleges).

Describe Efforts to Encourage Participation of Minority & Disadvantaged Firms in Purchasing Process

As clearly enunciated in the College's Diversity Mission Statement, "Owens Community College commits to a policy of inclusiveness that strives to value and respect all people who bring talent, perspectives and different ways of accomplishing goals to our college regardless of all the different dimensions that individuals and groups encompass." This has been demonstrated in recent procurement practices wherein RFP evaluations considered respondent's participation in EDGE and similar programs. Similar review of potential furniture and furnishing vendors, included their measure of EDGE participation and minority involvement. Recognition and acknowledgement of such minority involvement, will allow the College to satisfy its commitment to diversity and equal participation in all College operations. While current mandates do not presume EDGE participation upon College practices, all future transactions will more effectively consider such diversity measures. Accordingly procurement practices will be routinely reviewed to assure the College practices are in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Executive Order 13 and the College's Diversity Program.