

## EDGE/MBE Participation Summary - 4 Year Institutions

Institution Name	<b>UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI</b>	CB Request	<b>UCN0105007</b>
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### Overview of Institutions Purchasing Process

The University of Cincinnati follows the laws of the State of Ohio for the procurement of construction and for the procurement of all goods and services. An MBE or EDGE vendor seeking to do business with the University should visit our website [www.purchasing.uc.edu](http://www.purchasing.uc.edu) and click on the link for Suppliers/Visitors. This website provides all the information necessary to do business with the University of Cincinnati, from which buying group handles which commodities, to buyer information, to minority business information. It is also possible to link to the Office of Contract Compliance or to the Ohio Department of Development from our website. Purchasing's Contract Compliance office provides assistance to Set Aside and EDGE vendors in navigating UC systems.

Vendors can also register with the University on the website. Following submission of an application, the vendor can contact the appropriate buyer and ask to be placed on any bid lists for future inquiries. Reviewing the information on our website will empower the vendor to get the most value out of a discussion with the Buyer.

If a vendor does not have web access, they can contact our office and be directed to the appropriate buying area. We can fill out an application verbally over the phone or mail a copy to the vendor.

### Describe Institution's Efforts to Meet EDGE/MBE participation goals for Capital Projects

#### **EDGE Participation:**

**Summary:** The University of Cincinnati follows all the laws of the State of Ohio pursuant to R.C. Chapter 153 for public improvement contracts, and must contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The University participates in the EDGE program by following the procedures for doing so as set forth by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and the State Architect's Office. The University of Cincinnati also participates in and promotes and encourages the EDGE program for the procurement of non- R.C. Chapter 153 goods and services.

**Construction:** The University of Cincinnati follows the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services by setting EDGE goals for projects in a range from 0-15%, with a fiscal year average 5% EDGE participation goal over the total of all projects. Bidders are required to submit with their Bid information about the Certified EDGE Business Enterprise(s) that are participating on the Project with the Bidder. The actual percent of EDGE participation is calculated on the total amount of each awarded contract. The University's projected EDGE goal for FY 2023 is slightly greater than the State guideline of 5%.

#### **MBE Participation:**

**Summary:** The University of Cincinnati follows all the laws of the State of Ohio for complying with MBE requirements for the procurement of all non- R.C. Chapter 153 goods and services.

**Construction:** The laws of the State of Ohio do not allow institutions of higher education to participate in MBE set-asides for the procurement of construction. Please see *Associated General Contractors v. Ohio Department of Administrative Services* (6th Cir.) 214 F.3d 730. Therefore, the University does not collect and cannot require contractors to report the level of minority business participation on a contract. MBE-certified contracting companies are able to obtain information about construction contract bidding opportunities at the University of Cincinnati through the standard methods required by the laws of Ohio and followed by the University. These are available to all qualified contractors interested in submitting bids for construction. In addition, UC reaches out to minority businesses in many ways. UC directly solicits only minority and EDGE firms for RC Chapter 153 public improvement contracts. For these contracts we also send bid documents to the African American Chamber of Commerce, minority business plan rooms, several minority business development organizations and advertise in the Cincinnati Herald. We also attend local and regional conferences to recruit EDGE and minority businesses.

### FY 2023 for Institution - As Of:

**3/31/2023**

**EDGE Activity**  
Construction  
Architecture & Engineering  
Goods & Services

All Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - %
<b>8,937,935</b>	<b>684,233</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>7,852,960</b>	<b>790,410</b>	<b>10%</b>
Included in the Const. \$ above		

**MBE Activity**  
Goods & Services for Capital Projects

All Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - %
Included in the Const. \$ above		

FY 2022 for Institution

<u>EDGE Activity</u>	All Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - %
Construction	<b>6,154,659</b>	<b>531,743</b>	<b>9%</b>
Architecture & Engineering	<b>11,501,840</b>	<b>627,528</b>	<b>5%</b>
Goods & Services	Included in the Const. \$ above		

<u>MBE Activity</u>	All Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - %
Goods & Services for Capital Projects	Included in the Const. \$ above		

Project - **Old Chem Building Rehab** As Of: **4/20/2023**

<u>EDGE Activity</u>	All Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - \$	EDGE Contracts - %
Construction			
Architecture & Engineering	<b>2,656,717</b>	<b>132,836</b>	<b>5%</b>
Goods & Services	Included in the Const. \$ above		

<u>MBE Activity</u>	All Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - \$	MBE Contracts - %
Goods & Services for Capital Projects	Included in the Const. \$ above		

Explanation of EDGE/MBE Activity for this project.

This release is for Design Build services.