

Valley Youth House Practice Statement on Supplier Diversity

Valley Youth House (VYH) recognizes that an open, competitive atmosphere is beneficial to both buyer and seller, and it is our policy to foster this environment. VYH does not discriminate on any basis. Accordingly, VYH will make good-faith efforts to utilize minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-owned throughout the procurement process. All efforts to contact and engage minority-owned, women-owned, disabled-owned suppliers will be fair and impartial. No preference will be given to any business group or classification. The Supplier Diversity Program has been created to ensure that minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-owned businesses have the unimpeded ability to compete in the procurement process and to do business with VYH.

Supplier Diversity Program Objectives

The Supplier Diversity Program's main objectives include, but or not limited to, the following:

1. Actively seek diverse suppliers through organizations that support these business categories and through the use of solicitation lists.
2. Provide educational assistance to suppliers on the methods of doing business with VYH.
3. Encouragement of suppliers to submit a plan identifying second-tier suppliers that are minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-owned to be used for the commodity or service being bid.
4. When subcontractors are utilized, primary suppliers will be encouraged to demonstrate in their bid proposal that they attempted to obtain bids from minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled-owned businesses where applicable.
5. For purchase orders issued below the bidding threshold, the utilization of a diverse supplier base will be objective facilitated by the purchasing staff.



6. A reporting of transactions will be performed to monitor the success of our efforts to partner with a diverse base of suppliers.