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How to Increase Spend with Diverse Suppliers

Presented by: Purchasing Services



Supplier Diversity at Pitt

Purchasing Services Objectives:

- To increase the level of goods and services provided by diverse suppliers to the University
- To increase the availability of meaningful business opportunities afforded to diverse businesses





Goal Update

Create an inclusive and equitable campus environment—one that welcomes, values and embraces the diverse perspectives of every member of our community.

Recruit, develop, retain and promote a diverse body of students, faculty and staff.

Create a culture and welcoming community that promotes belonging, enables full participation and encourages individual exploration.

Add opportunities for students, faculty and staff to connect with their peers in meaningful ways.

Bolster mentorship and sponsorship opportunities for all, particularly historically underrepresented groups.

Review and revise institutional policies to augment equitable practices and eradicate inequitable ones.

Regularly evaluate diversity, equity and inclusion efforts to inform policy and practice.



Use our position as an anchor institution to benefit local communities.

Leverage our expertise, capabilities and research to create sustainable economic development locally and regionally.

Embrace innovation in ways that attract investments and equitable opportunities to the neighborhoods and regions around our campuses.

Create places and spaces that support the innovation lifecycle, build employment and housing opportunities, foster connections, promote sustainability and ensure a high quality of life.

Expand the pathways to enable traditionally underserved residents to participate in success.

Foster innovation and regional opportunity by connecting local partnerships to global partnerships.



Focus on Diversity

Presented FY19 diverse spend to Senior Leaders

Worked with contracted suppliers to develop programs and goals

Aligned spend goals with local spend report

Presented FY19 diverse spend and commitments at 2020 Diversity Forum

Met with each
Responsibility
Center to review
FY20 spend and set
goals

Submitted FY25 goals for review

Published diverse spend by Responsibility Center on Pitt Diversity website

Developed in-depth spend analyses for each Responsibility Center

FY25 Goals announced





RC Diverse Spend Results

Non-Construction Direct Diverse Spend





RC Black-Owned Spend Results

Non-Construction Direct Black-Owned Spend





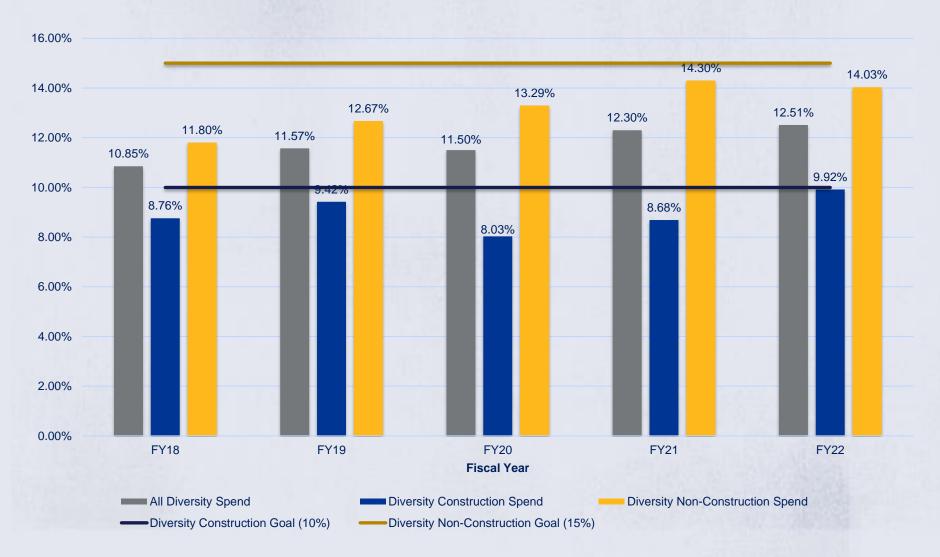
FY25 Diverse Spend Goals

	FY20	Est FY25 Spend	Diverse	%	Black-Owned	%
Construction	7.5%	\$ 462,869,095	\$ 46,286,910	10.00%	\$ 37,029,528	8.00%

	FY20	Est. FY25 Spend	Diverse	%	Black-Owned	%
Non- Construction	10%	\$ 562,207,620	\$ 86,107,222	15.32%	\$ 30,944,724	5.50%



FY22 Diverse Spend Update





Keys to Achieving Increased Diverse Purchasing

- Disrupt normal search habits to engage diverse firms
- Modify RFP processes to include diverse suppliers
- Invest in local, small
 & minority-owned businesses
 for long-term growth









Diverse Supplier Search Tools

- PRISM DBE Database
 - Accessible though my.pitt.edu
- Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program Database
 - https://paucp.dbesystem.com/
- 3. African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania
 - https://aaccwp.com/directory/
- 4. Cocoapreneur
 - https://cocoapreneur.com/
- 5. Small Business Administration (SBA) Dynamic Search Tool
 - https://web.sba.gov/pronet/search/dsp_dsbs.cfm
- 6. Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council Search Tool
 - Contact Purchasing Services for assistance



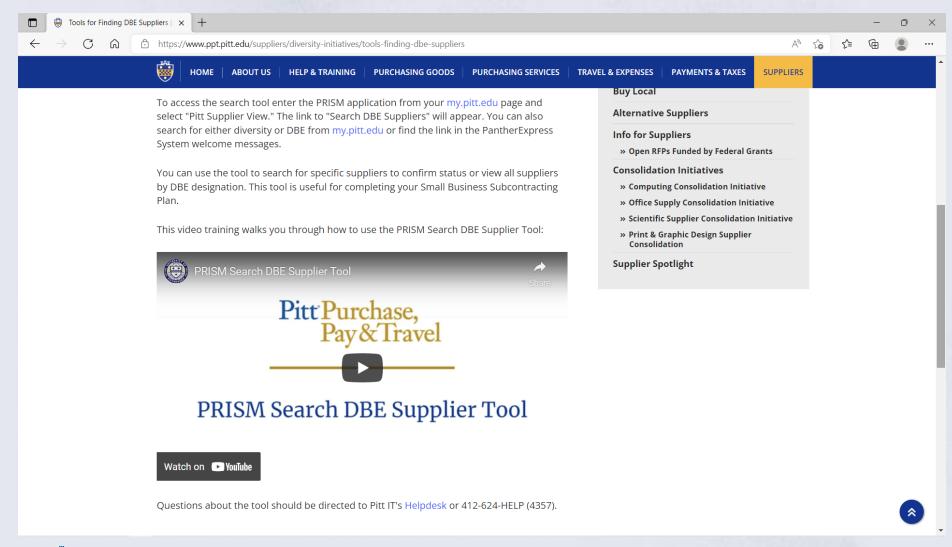


Purchase, Pay & Travel Website

- Purchase, Pay & Travel Website (ppt.pitt.edu):
 - News Posting re: Goals + Resources
 - Buy Local page
 - Diversity Initiatives page
 - Supplier Spotlight page
 - New video tutorial for PRISM DBE Search Tool

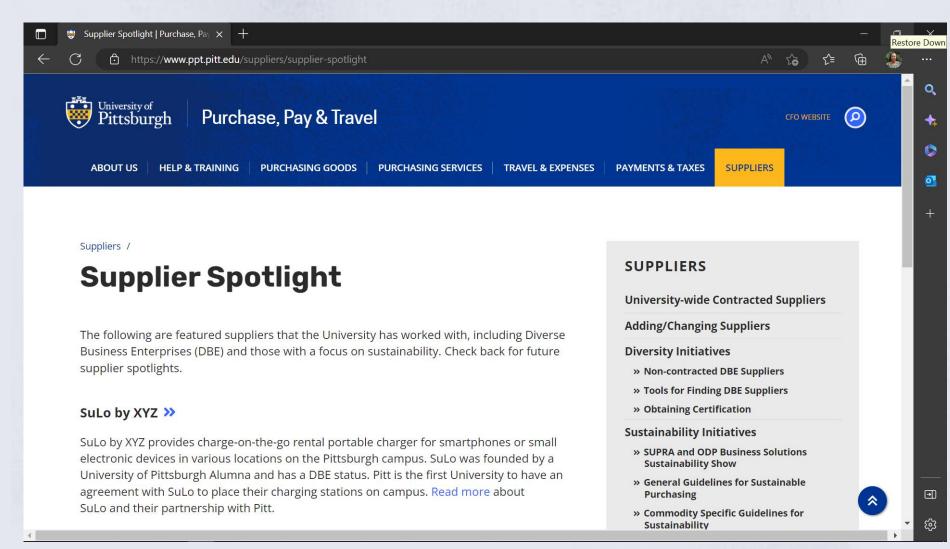


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Supplier Spotlights on PPT Site













Plan a supplier outreach event



SIGN UP: entrepreneur.pitt.edu/events/spotless-contracts

RFP Readiness to Respond

JULY 21 * 8:30-10:30AM

RFP Execution & Operations

HILL DISTRICT

Open House & Trainings held at

1908 Wylie Ave. Pgh. PA 1521

Diverse Purchasing Strategies

- Plan time for thorough searches
- Utilize Purchasing Services for Assistance
- Resist "Sole Source" overuse
- Explore innovative ideas
- Identify gaps in the market
- Stay in-touch with entrepreneurial alumni
- Partner with a community organization or start-up
- Borrow strategies from other departments
- Participate in diverse purchasing events and workshops
- Ask major partners about their diverse subcontracting strategies
- Review purchasing goals annually
- Add diverse purchasing to new staff-onboarding



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