



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing

Purchases from Minority and Small Business Enterprises

The Board of Education of Baltimore County believes that the economic development of the county is vital to ensuring the stability and growth of this region. Additionally, the Board believes that diversity in economic development supports the county's tax base while contributing to the overall strength of our community.

Therefore, the Board directs the Superintendent to implement procedures to facilitate the increase of minority and small business enterprise (as defined in the State Finance and Procurement Article §14-201 and 14-301) participation in all Board of Education contracts with an attempt to achieve a goal of fourteen percent (14%) of the total value of these contracts.

Accordingly, these procedures shall facilitate the increase of minority business participation in all Board of education state-funded construction projects and shall attempt to achieve the goals in accordance with the State Finance and Procurement Article §14-302. All action shall be in compliance with the State Interagency on Public School Construction guidelines adopted by the Board of Education.

These procedures shall also facilitate the increase in minority and small business enterprise participation in all Board of Education County and Special revenue funded contracts and shall attempt to achieve a goal of fourteen (14%) minority and small business participation of the total dollar value of these contracts.

The Board further directs the Superintendent to report on the participation of minority and small business enterprises annually.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*

Education Article, §5-112

State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-302

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Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 7460, New Construction

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