



# Supplier Diversity

2024 Annual Report  
& 2025 Annual Plan

Report to the California Public Utilities Commission

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## Introduction

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) that serves over 175,000 customers in the cities of Buena Park, Fullerton, and Irvine. In 2024, the City of Fountain Valley voted to join OCPA and on December 3, 2024, OCPA submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) OCPA's Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent – Amendment #2 to expand to include eligible residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and municipal accounts to the City of Fountain Valley (Implementation Plan). On January 9, 2025, CPUC Energy Division staff confirmed that OCPA's Implementation Plan contains the information required by Public Utilities Code section 366.2(c)(7). OCPA anticipates that Fountain Valley customers will join OCPA in the fall of 2026. OCPA is excited about the opportunity to bring local control, competitive rates, and greater renewable energy to the businesses and residents of Fountain Valley.

In October 2024, OCPA celebrated its second full year of service for both residential and commercial customers. OCPA offers three product plans, with a default product plan selected by each member agency's leaders. Currently, the cities of Buena Park and Fullerton have opted for Smart Choice rate plan, which contains 55% renewable energy plus an additional 40% carbon-free energy, while the City of Irvine has opted into

the Basic Choice rate plan (47% renewable energy). All new customers are enrolled in the OCPA plan pre-selected by the member agency but always have a choice to move between rate plans, including the 100% Renewable Choice rate plan.

In January 2025, the OCPA Board of Directors confirmed and voted to keep the rate structure implemented on January 2024 for an additional year. This rate structure offers OCPA's Basic Choice renewable rate plan at a cost 3% lower than the Investor-owned Utility (IOU) equivalent generation rate.

As a not-for-profit, OCPA is focused on providing stable and competitive electric rates, providing customers with choice, increasing the amount of renewable energy added to the grid, creating customer programs, and creating and applying for grants to support residential and business customers within its territory.

While OCPA is still a young organization, we are in the process of establishing a robust supplier diversity program and identifying more ways to increase procurement from small, local, and diverse businesses. OCPA will do so within the limitations of Proposition 209, which prohibits government agencies like CCAs from giving preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in hiring or contracting.

## Section 9.1.1 - Description of Supplier Diversity Program Activities During the Previous Calendar Year (2024)

In 2024, OCPA was focused on engaging with local leaders, making connections with diverse communities, increasing awareness of our organization and mission, and hiring staff to build out our organization. OCPA attended a variety of local business and chamber of commerce events with the goal of increasing knowledge and awareness of

power and non-power contracts available to businesses, as well as offering technical assistance to businesses thinking of applying to be an OCPA vendor.

**The list of local and diverse business outreach activities included:**

Date	Event/Meeting	Description
2/2/2024	Small Business Diversity Network – Business and Breakfast	Meeting for Small Business Diversity Network based out of Irvine, CA. OCPA participates to promote opportunities via open solicitations and offering technical support for businesses
2/3/2024	Tết (Lunar New Year) Festival	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
2/5/2024	UCI Lunar New Year 2024 Celebration	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
2/9/2024	Little Saigon TV Lunar New Year Tabling	Our Community Engagement Manager, Linda Kraemer did a TV Interview, educating about OCPA which was interpreted in Vietnamese. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cz0KZf8_o5Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cz0KZf8_o5Y</a>
2/16/2024	Buena Park - Korean Resource Fair	OCPA attends a broad range of community resource fairs to promote customer programs and network with businesses
2/29/2024	Black Chamber Future Leaders Luncheon	Our External Affairs Manager, Gabe Dima-Smith is an active participant in the chamber
3/14/2024	OC Procurement Alliance Meeting	A large forum and network of government procurement professionals meeting to discuss trends, successes, and best practices. Management Analyst, Saul Viramontes regularly participates to continue to stay up to date on best practices and procurement trends
3/17/2024	Nowruz Festival	Iranian New Year or Persian New Year - OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
4/10/2024	Our Community Podcast – Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	OCPA Management Analyst, Saul Viramontes joined the podcast to discuss what OCPA does and how we can partner with local businesses
5/16/2024	OC Supplier Outreach Event	A major OC Procurement event that draws in over 200 exhibitors and 1000 small business owners in Orange County. OCPA participates as an exhibitor and networks with many businesses.
5/31/2024	OC Diversity Business Mixer and Expo	Panel and expo for diverse business owners to learn how to work engage with corporate entities and access resources to facilitate business growth. OCPA participates as an exhibitor and in networking activities
6/1/2024	2024 Pride Fest Fullerton	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
6/19/2024	Buena Park Juneteenth Event	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses

7/5/2024	IgniteHer Meeting OCPA and Girls Inc OC	OCPA Developed a 2 page flyer for middle school girls with workplace readiness tips and the future of clean energy. OCPA held a panel with diverse representatives from the cleantech workforce.
7/10/2024	Buena Park Concert In The Park - Mariachi Divas	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
7/18/2024	OC Procurement Alliance Meeting	A large forum and network of government procurement professionals meeting to discuss trends, successes, and best practices.
7/19/2024	Small Business Diversity Network – Lunch & Learn	Meeting for Small Business Diversity Network based out of Irvine, CA. OCPA participates to promote opportunities via open solicitations and offering technical support for businesses
7/25/2024	OCPA Presentation to Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce	Introduced OCPA business model and agency priorities related to workforce.
7/26/2024	IgniteHER Summit Girls Inc	The IgniteHer meeting between OCPA and Girls Inc. OCPA showcased opportunities to empower young women, aligning with supplier diversity goals by promoting inclusive partnerships and future talent development.
8/2/2024	Small Business Diversity Network – Business and Breakfast	Meeting for Small Business Diversity Network based out of Irvine, CA. OCPA participates to promote opportunities via open solicitations and offering technical support for businesses
8/6/2024	Lunch with OC Labor Fed	Networking with local labor groups
8/13/2024	Vietnamese Chamber Small Biz event	Networking event with local businesses
8/19/2024	Chinese American Mutual Association Presentation	Provided an update on CCAs and OCPA to Chinese American Mutual Association members
8/19/2024	South Coast Chinese Cultural Association    OCPA Presentation	Provided an update on CCAs and OCPA to South Coast Chinese Cultural Association members
8/22/2024	Vietnamese Chamber Presentation	Provided an update on CCAs and OCPA to Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce Orange County (VACOC) members
9/5/2024	South Coast Chinese Cultural Association    Visit to OCPA	Hosted and provided updates on CCAs and OCPA to South Coast Chinese Cultural Association members
9/15/2024	Tet Trung Thu - Mid Autumn Festival 2024	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
9/21/2024	Buena Park Culture Fest	Expo for local businesses and stakeholders to commemorate and highlight the city's cultural diversity. OCPA was able to connect with multiple groups regarding our programs and affordability with dual-language flyers in Korean, Vietnamese, and Spanish.
9/24/2024	Go Green & Health Expo (Filipino American Chamber of Commerce)	OCPA CEO as the keynote speaker for this multicultural event, speaking about the environmental benefits of OCPA
9/25/2024	September Arab Chamber Mixer	Networking event with local businesses
9/27/2024	2024 North Orange County Chamber of Commerce - Small Business Forum	Our External Affairs Manager, Andrew Di Giovanna is an active participant in the chamber
10/3/2024	2024 S.H.E Influences Conference & Business Expo	OCPA has staff who regularly represent and attend S.H.E. Influences events
10/5/2024	Global Village Festival	Staff signed up over 500 attendees to the newsletter and distributed multi-language flyers.
10/23/2024	AWWEE Conference (San Diego)	Attended the Association of Women in Water, Energy, and Environment Conference. OCPA has staff who regular represent and attend the events
10/23/2024	Vietnamese Business Forum	Networking event with local businesses
10/26/2024	Latino Health Access Annual Gala	Attended the event to support the work of Latino Health Access in the OC community.
10/26/24	Ektaa Diwali Festival	Indian cultural festival; OCPA attended to support the event and connect with ratepayers and businesses
11/7/2024	Women in Energy Conference	OCPA has staff who regularly represent and attend Women in Energy events
11/7/2024	Daroo Festival (Korean Performing Arts & Culture)	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
11/15/2024	Asian Business Association Orange County 2024 Awards Gala	Panel discussion for small and diverse business owners to learn how to engage with public agencies', i.e., OCPA's, business needs  Recognized by ABAOC as a Sustainability Advocate and partner.

11/21/2024	Filipino American Chamber of Commerce OC Awards Gala	Introduced the concept of CCA and OCPA to Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (FACCOC) members
12/4/2024	Women's Leadership Forum	Networking event for women in leadership attended by OCPA staff
1/29/2025	Irvine Evergreen Senior Lunar New Year Celebration	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
2/1/2025	Fullerton Chinese School Lunar New Year Celebration	OCPA attends cultural events to promote OCPA's mission and engage with ratepayers and diverse businesses
2/6/2025	OCPA Multicultural Community Leaders Forum	OCPA hosted 25 multicultural leaders for a luncheon, which included representation from our CEO. The luncheon was part of OCPA's continued commitment to engage with local leaders, organizations, and businesses. Continued collaboration with the multicultural community also informs the strategies and approaches OCPA utilizes when communicating with diverse groups
2/14/2025	Veterans of Foreign Wars - Veterans Valentines Dinner	Our External Affairs Manager is an active participant in the veteran community
2/20/2025	Black Chamber Future Leaders Luncheon	Our External Affairs Manager is an active participant in the chamber

In February 2025, OCPA held a Multicultural Community Leaders Forum where members of numerous multicultural organizations were invited to learn about OCPA, our mission, and future opportunities to collaborate. OCPA is proud to report that work with multicultural communities has continued to expand.

To ensure that our multicultural outreach is effective and impactful on the needs of our diverse communities, OCPA attends many cultural festivities and events to connect one-on-one with many community members and business owners that are interested in doing business with OCPA.

Additionally, OCPA's Supplier Diversity contact, Management Analyst Saul Viramontes, meets with interested suppliers to discuss current and potential solicitations and introduce them to public procurement, the CPUC's Supplier Clearinghouse certification process, and ways to stay informed on OCPA solicitations.

To complement multicultural outreach, OCPA regularly seeks energy and sustainability forums to help promote ways local businesses can partner with OCPA.

Industry-specific presentations included the following presentations:

- Electrification 101 Workshop in Irvine
- Sustainability Meeting & Tour of the Irvine Ranch Historical Park
- Costa Mesa Green Business Meetings
- North Orange County Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon
- Strong Towns OC Social (bike/walk clubs)
- Irvine Induction Stove Workshop
- Sustain SoCal Sustainable Communities
- Future of Business Town Hall
- ECCLPS Symposium - Environmental and Climate Change Literacy Projects
- Irvine Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Demo
- Irvine Rotary Club Presentation
- Bicycle Tree Active Transportation events
- Mayor of Fountain Valley Podcast features
- OC Talk Radio - interview with Joe Mosca, OCPA CEO

- 2024 Clean Mobility Forum
- IRC Energy Symposium
- Irvine Class IV Protected Bikeway Unveiling

OCPA continues to translate notices for residential customers and other communications materials into languages prominent to Orange County's cultural diversity. In 2023, OCPA added two more languages to our operational processes to increase access to information and education. OCPA is now translating notices and other key communication materials into Spanish, Chinese (traditional), Chinese (simplified), Korean, Vietnamese, Farsi, Arabic, Filipino, and Japanese. OCPA will continue to conduct outreach to these communities and find new opportunities to engage meaningfully with more diverse groups and associations.

In addition, OCPA staff continue to participate in CPUC Supplier Diversity, regional procurement events and meetings, and CCA Staff Quarterly Meetings to learn new strategies and find better ways to engage with small and diverse businesses.

In compliance with Proposition 209, OCPA explicitly does not give preferential treatment to bidders based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. OCPA issued a voluntary supplier diversity survey in January 2025 to collect information for this report. The survey can be found in Appendix A.

In summary, a total of nine (9) suppliers responded to the survey issued in January where four (4) respondents identified as

“Qualified as a WMDVLGBTBE but not GO 156 Certified.” The other four (4) indicated that they are not certified and do not qualify. The qualified but not certified survey respondents cited lack of time to commit to getting certified and confusion around the process. As a result, OCPA will continue to enhance education for existing and future vendors about the CPUC's Supplier Clearinghouse registration process and how a business may qualify and become certified.

More information about future steps OCPA plans to take can be found in section 10.1.2.

As of January 2025, OCPA has five (5) Board of Directors representing four (4) member cities. The Board includes one woman, one Vietnamese American, one Korean American, and one Chinese Filipino American. Like Orange County, OCPA's Board is diverse and representative of many strong and established cultural communities.

Lastly, to continue to encourage diversity among OCPA staff and vendors, OCPA includes Equal Employment Opportunity language in all recruitment postings, procurement solicitations (request for proposals, quotes, etc.), contracts, and in the personnel policies handbook. OCPA is proud to have a diverse staff and will continue promoting equal access and opportunity.

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## Section 9.1.2 – Supplier Diversity Results of Goods and Services (non- power purchases) if procured

		Direct Spend \$	Sub Spend \$	Total \$	%	Product Spend \$	Service Spend \$	Total \$	%
	African American	\$ 1,800.00	-	\$ 1,800.00	0.04%	-	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	0.04%
	Asian Pacific American	\$ 47,675.50	-	\$ 47,675.50	1.04%	-	\$ 47,675.50	\$ 47,675.50	1.04%
<b>Minority Male</b>	Hispanic American	\$ 3,127.72	-	\$ 3,127.72	0.07%	\$ 3,127.72	-	\$ 3,127.72	0.07%
	Native American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total Minority Male</b>	\$ 52,603.22	-	\$ 52,603.22	1.15%	\$ 3,127.72	\$ 49,475.50	\$ 52,603.22	1.15%
	African American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Asian Pacific American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Minority Female</b>	Hispanic American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Native American	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total Minority Female</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</b>									
		\$ 47,675.50	\$ -	\$ 47,675.50	1.04%	\$ -	\$ 47,675.50	\$ 47,675.50	1.04%
<b>Women Business Enterprise (WBE)</b>									
		\$ 243,270.56	\$ -	\$ 243,270.56	5.32%	\$ 243,270.56	\$ -	\$ 243,270.56	5.32%
<b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)</b>									
		-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
<b>Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)</b>									
		\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0.04%	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	0.04%
<b>Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise (DBE)</b>									
		\$5,346.64	\$ -	\$5,346.64	0.12%	\$ 3,686.64	\$ 1,660.00	\$5,346.64	0.12%
<b>8(a)*</b>									
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Supplier Diversity Spend</b>		\$ 298,092.70	-	\$ 298,092.70	6.5%	\$ 246,957.20	\$ 51,135.50	\$ 298,092.70	6.5%
Net Procurement						\$4,569,886			
Net Product Procurement						\$973,915			
Net Service Procurement						\$3,595,971			
Total Number of Diverse Suppliers that Received Direct Spend						5			

## Section 9.1.2 –Description of Diverse Suppliers with Majority Workforce in California

Per Proposition 209, public agencies such as OCPA are prohibited from granting preferential treatment to an individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Therefore, OCPA is limited in the actions it can take to diversify its procurement.

Since its establishment in November 2020, OCPA has focused on creating a financially stable organization and hiring staff for its

operations. Moreover, OCPA has enacted and continues to refine several policies to guide future procurement of products, services, and power.

The results below were collected from the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse site, the OCPA 2024 Supplier Diversity Survey, and conversations with prime and subcontractors.

Supplier	Average % of Workforce in CA
G-M Business Interior	1.00
SDI Presence	0.33
Gavidia RRP LLC	1.00
Zodiac Solutions LLC	1.00
WMFY We Mail For You Inc	1.00
Sum of Average Percentage	4.33
Number of Suppliers	5
<b>Percentage of diverse supplier workforce that resides in California:</b>	
	87%

For 2024, OCPA received nine (9) responses, and direct messages in lieu of responding. Despite receiving a low response to the survey, OCPA is encouraged by the progress this year and will continue to educate suppliers on how to do business with OCPA. Accordingly, OCPA intends to continue enhancing and building out its

supplier diversity program and strategy to increase the response rate for future reports.

Based on the results of the survey sent out, the online Supplier Clearinghouse database, and information submitted to OCPA, five (5) of the businesses OCPA contracted within the calendar year 2025 were certified CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse vendors.

## Section 9.1.3 – Supplier Diversity Program Expenses

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>CY2024 (Actual)</b>
Wages	\$12,056
Other Employee Expenses	\$0
Program Expenses	\$0
Reporting Expenses	\$1,500
Training	\$0
Consultants	\$5,000
Other	\$34,812
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,368</b>

## Section 9.1.5 – Description of Prime Contractors Utilization of Diverse Subcontractors

OCPA identified current prime and subcontractors who may be eligible for a Supplier Clearinghouse diverse supplier certification and is providing outreach and education to encourage them to get certified. We look forward to further collaborating with our new and existing contractors on this matter.

Below is a table of confirmed CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse certified diverse suppliers identified through the website, survey response, and conversations with the contractors:

Category	New Prime Contractors #	New Subcontractors #
Minority Male Business Enterprise	3*	
Minority Female Business Enterprise		
<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</b>	<b>3*</b>	
Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	1	
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)		
Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)	1	
Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise (DBE)	2	
8(a)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>0</b>

*\*some suppliers were certified for MBE and DVBE or PDDBE.*

## **Section 9.1.6 – List of Supplier Diversity Complaints Received and Current Status**

OCPA has not received any WMDVLGBTBE complaints.

## **Section 9.1.9 – Description of Supplier Diversity Activities and Progress in Power Procurement**

None of the power suppliers responded as being GO 156 certified. OCPA looks forward to working with the power supplier industry to further the efforts of GO 156 within the limits of Proposition 209.

## Section 9.1.9 – Supplier Diversity Results in Power Procurement

		Direct Power Purchases \$	Direct Fuels for Generation \$			Totals \$			%
		Renewable and Non-Renewable Power Products	Diesel	Nuclear	Natural Gas	Direct	Sub	Total \$	
1									
2									
3	<b>Minority Male</b>	African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4		Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7		<b>Total Minority Male</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8		African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	<b>Minority Female</b>	Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12		<b>Total Minority Female</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14		Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15		Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16		Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17		Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises (DBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0	0
18		8(a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
19		<b>Total Supplier Diversity</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
20		<b>Net Power Procurement</b>	<b>\$275,596,960</b>						
21		<b>Net Direct Power Purchases</b>	<b>\$275,596,960</b>						
22		<b>Net Direct Fuels for Generation</b>	<b>\$0</b>						
23		<b>Total Number of Diverse Suppliers</b>	<b>0</b>						

## **Section 10.2 – Description of Supplier Diversity Program Activities Planned for the Next Calendar Year (2025)**

In 2025, OCPA will seek to further support its small, local, and diverse businesses with the Supplier Diversity activities set forth below:

- Continue and expand memberships and event sponsorships with local and ethnic chambers, business associations, and professional associations.
  - OCPA is a member of all local jurisdictional and multicultural chambers of commerce in Orange County.
- With support from OCPA's Community Advisory Committee, identify and pursue opportunities for deeper engagement with local and ethnic chambers and business associations through participation in economic development and business advocacy committees, and collaboration on outreach and training events aimed at local, small, and diverse businesses that are potential OCPA suppliers.
  - OCPA has significantly increased its presence in community events, business forums, and coalition gatherings.
- Collaborate with member agencies on diverse supplier outreach and training events and promotional materials.
  - OCPA is currently exploring a collaboration with Los-Angeles based Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment to host a mini-series aimed towards educating and engaging small and diverse businesses with the goal of increasing procurement opportunities for diverse businesses.
- Participate in the CPUC/Joint Utilities Business Expo and support similar regional events in collaboration with member agencies, chambers, CCAs, energy partners, and other entities.
  - OCPA is an active participant in networks including local small business networks and regional procurement events and programs.
- Continue outreach, advocacy, and support for diverse supplier certification through the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse.
  - OCPA is currently working with one of our service providers to complete their application for CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse certification for MBE and WBE.
- Refine data collection practices and processes within the organization.
- Host a workshop with CPUC staff to create better awareness of the Supplier Clearinghouse and its certification method.
  - OCPA will reach out to the CPUC during post report interview for inclusion in our "working with OCPA" mini series.
- Educate internal staff on the Supplier Clearinghouse registration process to better assist businesses that may want to certify.

- OCPA's Administrative Assistant is responsible for staying current with the Supplier Clearinghouse process and website and providing support to current and potential vendors to get certified, if eligible.
- Educate relevant staff on how to search the Supplier Diversity Clearinghouse to identify additional potential vendors for future supply needs.
  - OCPA has incorporated the Supplier Clearinghouse website into its procurement processes. Staff are encouraged to use leads from the website, find local businesses online, and ask partners for references to ensure a diverse pool of proposals for product and service solicitations.
- Report on local businesses as well as those certified as small businesses by the California Department of General Services.

## **Plans to Encourage Prime Contractors to Subcontract Small, Local, and Diverse Businesses**

During regular outreach and business activities, OCPA staff meet and refer businesses who want to do business with OCPA to procurement staff. Staff discuss various services and product needs and refer them to potential opportunities. OCPA is

looking forward to evaluating more opportunities to expand our engagement with small, local, and diverse businesses as OCPA enters its third year of service and will encourage its prime contractors to do the same.

## Sections Not Applicable to CCAs

**Section 9.1.2:** Number Of WMDLGBTBE Suppliers and Revenue Reported to The Clearinghouse

**Section 9.1.4:** Description Of Progress in Meeting or Exceeding Set Goals and An Explanation Why Goals Are Not Met

**Section 9.1.7:** A Description of Efforts Made to Recruit WMDLGBTBE Suppliers in Underutilized and Highly Technical Categories

**Section 9.1.11** Fuel Procurement

**Section 10.1.1:** WMDLGBTBE Annual Short-, Mid, And Long-Term Goals by Product and Service Category

**Section 10.1.3:** Plans For Recruiting WMDLGBTBE Suppliers in Underutilized Categories

**Section 10.1.4:** Plans For Recruiting WMDLGBTBE Suppliers in Currently Unavailable Areas

**Section 10.1.5:** Plans For Encouraging Prime Contractors to Subcontract with WMDLGBTBE Suppliers

**Section 10.1.6:** Plans For Complying with The WMDLGBTBE Program Guidelines Established By The Commission As Required By Public Utilities Code §8283(C)

## **Appendix A – OCPA Voluntary Supplier Diversity Survey**



## 2024 Supplier Diversity Survey - Orange County Power Authority

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

Note that not all questions may apply to your business.

For the questions that do not apply, please skip them or answer "not applicable."

OCPA will not use any information received from this survey in any way as part of a current or future decision-making or selection process. Rather, OCPA will use such information solely for compliance with its reporting obligations to the California Public Utilities Commission and evaluation of OCPA's outreach and other activities consistent with applicable law. Pursuant to Article I, Section 31 of the California Constitution (adopted by Proposition 209), OCPA does not discriminate against or give preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.

\*Pursuant to Proposition 209, OCPA does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Providing information in these categories is optional and will not impact the selection process. Responses are collected for informational and reporting purposes only pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 255.

\* Required

1. Please enter your email address: \*

2. Business Name: \*

3. Where is your business located/headquartered? \*

4. Is your business certified under General Order 156 (GO 156)?

General Order 156 (GO 156) is a California Public Utilities Commission ruling that requires utility entities to report annually on their contracts with majority women-owned, minority-owned, disabled veteran- owned and LGBT-owned business enterprises (WMDVLGBTBEs) in all categories.

Qualified businesses become GO 156 Certified through the CPUC and are then added to the GO 156 Clearinghouse database at <https://sch.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/> \*

- Yes
- No
- Qualified as a WMDVLGBTBE but not GO 156 Certified

5. If certified, when does your certification expire? \*

6. If you answered "yes" or "qualified but not certified", under which categories? Please choose all that apply.

\*Pursuant to Proposition 209, OCPA does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Providing information in these categories is optional and will not impact any current or future selection process. \*

- Minority owned
- Woman owned
- LGBT owned
- Disabled Veteran owned
- Other 8(a) (found to be disadvantaged by the US Small Business Administration)

7. If a minority-owned business enterprise, certified or qualified as which of the following?

\*Pursuant to Proposition 209, OCPA does not give preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Providing information in these categories is optional and will not impact any current or future selection process.

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- African American
- Asian American
- Hispanic American
- Native American

8. Please list the Standardized Industrial Code (SIC) of the products and services contracted for.

Reference sheet, here: [www.osha.gov/data/sic-manual](http://www.osha.gov/data/sic-manual) \*

9. If certified, please list your business's annual revenue as reported to the Supplier Clearinghouse.

Refer to: <https://sch.thesupplierclearinghouse.com/> \*

10. If your business is qualified but not GO 156 certified, please explain why your business has not gone through the certification process. \*

11. If your business will use GO 156 certified subcontractors for your OCPA contract, please include a list of your subcontractor business names, if their subcontract is for products or services, and the anticipated subcontract amount.

Example: Electrical Design Technology, Inc; products (batteries); \$100,000.

If OCPA is audited, we'll ask you for demonstration that subcontractor payments have occurred, such as a canceled check, bank statement, etc. \*

12. If applicable, please describe any hiring targets your business has for minority- owned, women-owned, LGBTQ-owned, or disabled veteran-owned subcontractors. \*

13. Does your business have a history of using apprenticeship programs, local-hires, union labor, or multi-trade project labor agreements?

Local hires can be defined as labor sourced from within OCPA's service area which includes the cities and towns of Buena Park, Fullerton, Fountain Valley, and Irvine. \*

- Yes, apprenticeship programs in this recent contract with OCPA
- Yes, local labor in this recent contract with OCPA
- Yes, union labor in this recent contract with OCPA
- Yes, multi-trade PLA in this recent contract with OCPA
- Yes, apprenticeship programs but not in this contract with OCPA
- Yes, history of local hire but not in this contract with OCPA
- Yes, history of union labor but not in this contract with OCPA
- Yes, history of multi-trade PLA but not in this contract with OCPA
- Uses California-based labor, but not local to OCPA service area
- None of the above

14. If you answered yes, please describe your history with labor agreements, union labor, multi-trade labor, apprenticeship labor, or how many local workers/businesses you employ for your contract with OCPA. \*

15. Does your business pay workers prevailing wage rates or the equivalent?

Prevailing wage in California is required by state law for all workers employed on public works projects and determined by the California Department of Industrial Relations according to the type of work and location of the project. To see the latest prevailing wage rates, go to [www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html) \*

- Yes, including for this contract with OCPA
- Yes, but not for this contract with OCPA
- No
- Not Applicable

16. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

If you'd like for us to promote your survey participation on our social media, please include your handles here.

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