

**Office of the Attorney General**  
**Utilization of Businesses Owned by Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities**  
**FY 20 Report**

As required by section 9 of the Attorney General Act (15 ILCS 205/9) and section 1300.4500(g) of the Attorney General's Procurement Rules (44 Ill. Adm. Code §1300.4500(g)), the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is publishing its initial report regarding the OAG's utilization of businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. The report covers the period 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020. The aspirational goals established by the OAG for procurement contracts awarded to businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons track those found in the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/4). See 44 Ill. Adm. Code §1300.4500(a).

The OAG is committed to using its resources to promote contracting with businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. For example, the OAG may undertake the following actions to assist in making progress toward our aspirational goals: (1) focusing solicitations for goods and services on vendors included on the Business Enterprise Council's list of certified businesses; (2) dividing job or project requirements into smaller tasks or quantities, when economically, technically, and programmatically feasible, in order to utilize such businesses; or (3) identifying specific, proposed projects, purchases, or contracts as particularly appropriate for participation by such businesses, and working to establish set-asides for them in accordance with applicable law. See 44 Ill. Adm. Code §1300.4500(e).

In reviewing the data contained in the report, it is important to note two significant factors that impact the annual percentage of contracts entered into by the OAG with businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons:

1. The OAG's procurement of goods and services is historically small, compared to procurement by many other State offices and agencies. Therefore, whenever possible, the OAG procures its goods and services through Master Contracts entered into by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), rather than contracting with vendors directly. Because CMS Master Contracts with businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons are counted toward the State's total utilization of such businesses, the CMS Master Contracts cannot also be counted toward the OAG's actual contract percentages, even though the OAG pays the businesses directly from funds appropriated to the OAG.
2. The type and nature of work performed by the OAG involves, in significant part, the procurement of professional services in anticipation of litigation (i.e., contracts to employ Special Assistant Attorneys General, consultants, and other professionals who may serve as experts or otherwise participate in litigation-related matters under contract with the OAG). Procurement of professional services in anticipation of litigation may include contracts between the OAG and businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons. However, these services are expressly excluded from the scope of the reporting requirements set out in the Attorney General Act (see 15 ILCS 205/9). Therefore, they have not and cannot be counted toward the satisfaction of the OAG's aspirational procurement goals.

The OAG supports working to extend outreach efforts in order to expand the pool of certified businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons from which State officers and agencies (and especially those with a small procurement footprint, such as the OAG) may draw with respect to future procurement efforts. The OAG encourages all businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons to seek certification by the appropriate certifying bodies, and encourages CMS and other State officers and agencies to annually evaluate and act upon opportunities to affirmatively encourage qualified businesses to become certified. All of these actions, taken together, will help to establish meaningful State-related contracting opportunities for businesses owned by minorities, women, and disabled persons, now, and in the future.

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**For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Aspirational Goals</b>	<b>Actual Percentages</b>	<b>Actual Dollar Amounts</b>
<b>Contracts awarded to business' owned by minorities, women, and person with disabilities</b>	20.00%	2.75%	\$ 215,599.40
<b>Businesses owned by women</b>	7.00%	1.64%	\$ 128,018.33
<b>Businesses owned by persons with disabilities</b>	2.00%	0.33%	\$ 25,594.56
<b>Businesses owned by minorities</b>	11.00%	0.79%	\$ 61,986.51

(WBE)

Women Business Enterprise

Goal: 7% shall be women-owned business

Vendor Name	BEP Certification Code	Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services
Accurate Biometrics Inc	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$ 126.65
Logsdon Office supply d/b/a Logsdon Office Supply	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$ 118.77
McCorkle Litigation Services	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$ 1,158.60
Midwest Litigation d/b/a Alaris Litigation Services	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$ 150.00
Multilingual Connections	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$ 3,846.84
International Filter MFG Corp.	Women Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE)	\$ 659.46

Vendor Name	OAG Verified	Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services
Always Green Recycling	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Women & Veteran Owned	\$ 815.00
R4 Services	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Women Owned	\$ 116,556.51
Richards & Stehman	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Women Owned	\$ 2,051.50
Throop & Son Tree Service, Inc	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Women Owned	\$ 2,535.00

CMS Certified Businesses \$ 6,060.32  
OAG Confirmed - but non-CMS Certified Business \$ 121,958.01  
Total \$ 128,018.33

Exempt Contracts - In anticipation of litigation

Vendor Name	OAG Verified	Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services
Allison Schechter, PsyD, P.C.	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are - Women Owned	\$65,647.43
JND eDiscovery, LLC	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are - Women Owned	\$277,473.13

CMS Certified Businesses \$0.00  
OAG Confirmed - but non-CMS Certified Business \$343,120.56  
Total \$343,120.56

**(SWS)**  
**Shelter Workshop Services**

<b>Goal: 2% for businesses owned by persons with disabilities</b>		
<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>BEP Certification Code</b>	<b>Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services</b>
SAVE St. Clair Assoc Vocation Enterprises	Sheltered Workshop Persons with Disability (SWS)	\$ 5,600.00
START Specialized Training Adult Rehabilitation	Sheltered Workshop Persons with Disability (SWS)	\$ 11,466.72
Transitions of Western IL	Sheltered Workshop Persons with Disability (SWS)	\$ 2,923.84
Transitions, NFP d/b/a The Printers Mark/Transitions Mental Health Services	Sheltered Workshop Persons with Disability (SWS)	\$ 5,604.00
		\$ 25,594.56

(MBE)

Minority Business Enterprise

Goal: 11% for other minority owned business

Vendor Name	BEP Certification Code	Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services
Chicago Communications	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	\$ 4,650.72
Global Technical Systems, Inc. (GTSI)	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	\$ 9,115.00
Midwest Mailing & Shipping Systems, Inc.	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	\$ 98.65

Vendor Name	OAG Verified	Actual Dollars Spent for Goods/Services
Pilsen Glass	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Minority Owned	\$ 980.00
Tech-Win	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Minority Owned	\$ 19,500.00
SHI International Corp	NOT Registered on CMS Directory - OAG verified they are Women/Minority Owned	\$ 27,642.14

CMS Certified Businesses	\$	13,864.37
OAG Confirmed - but non-CMS Certified Business	\$	48,122.14
Total	\$	61,986.51