



University of Cincinnati Supplier Diversity Position Statement

The University of Cincinnati commitment to Supplier Diversity stems from its history as an urban education and research organization deeply engaged in serving its local community. As it has grown to serve international interests, diversity continues to be an essential core element in university student, staff and supplier recruitment and retention. The University of Cincinnati is committed to providing opportunities for diverse supplier inclusion through collaboration with our internal and external stakeholders.

The University of Cincinnati recognizes the value of a diverse supplier base and its impact on business and the population at large. The University of Cincinnati Supplier Diversity Office was established to ensure that minority, women-owned, economically and socially disadvantaged and, small businesses have opportunity to compete for the university's business. The office serves as a liaison between the diverse supplier community and all University of Cincinnati employees with procurement responsibilities.

The University of Cincinnati Supplier Diversity Office is committed to the following:

- *Advocating for the inclusion of diverse suppliers in the purchasing activities of the university*
- *Providing a connecting link between diverse suppliers and the university*
- *Providing outreach and educational programs to the diverse supplier community*
- *Engaging in external activities geared toward recruiting diverse suppliers to the university*
- *Encouraging alliances and partnerships between diverse suppliers and majority firms*
- *Encouraging certification of diverse suppliers with federal and state agencies and with the South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council*

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