Certification 201: Steps after M/WBE Certification

State of Missouri
Office of Equal Opportunity
Vendor Office Hours



Today's Objectives

- 1. Certification 101 Review
- 2. How Do You Look?
- 3. Where Are You Looking?
- 4. Looking Ahead





101 Review

Maintain your Certification

- Annual Updates
 - Yearly submission by the anniversary date of receiving original certification

- Recertification (3 years)
 - 3 years after receiving certification
 - New certification anniversary changes to the date of recertification

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Missouri Office of Equal Opportunity

Minority & Women Owned Businesses

Main Menu

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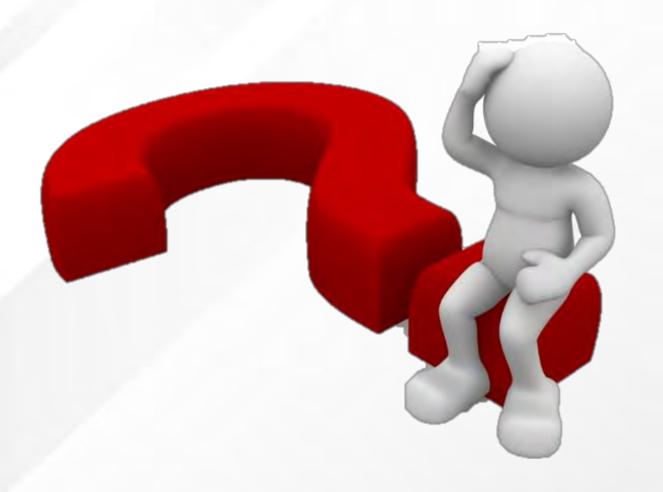
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Fictitious Business, LLC	Initial Application	WBE	Acceptance Pending	06/06/2023	
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Myths



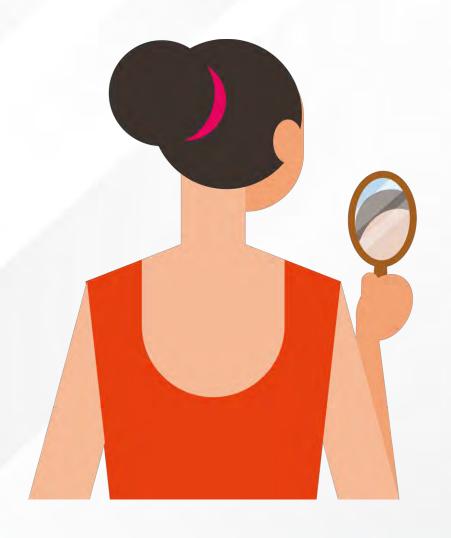
Certification is:

- 1. A "silver bullet"
- 2. A guarantee
- 3. Automatically get contracts
- 4. The ultimate tool

ALL FALSE!



How Do You Look?

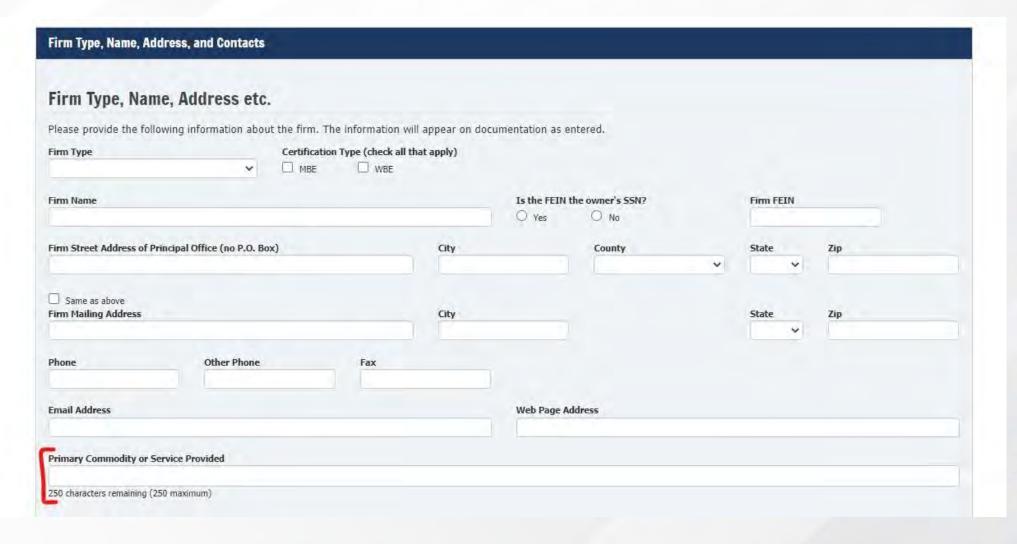


Pay close attention to:

- 1. Contact information
- 2. Commodities/Services on application
- 3. Personal social media
- 4. Website

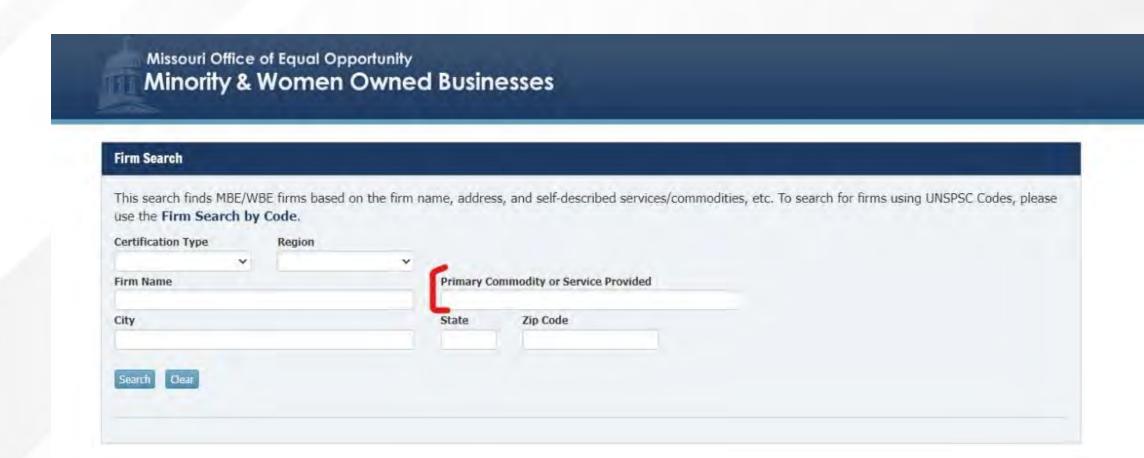


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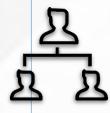
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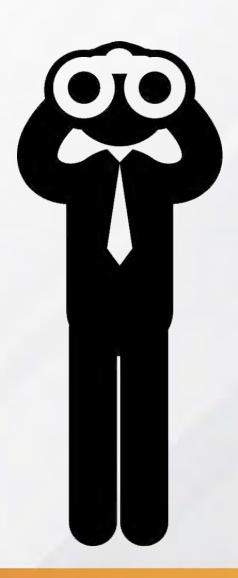
Contracting with the State



Up2\$10K Program



Subcontracting



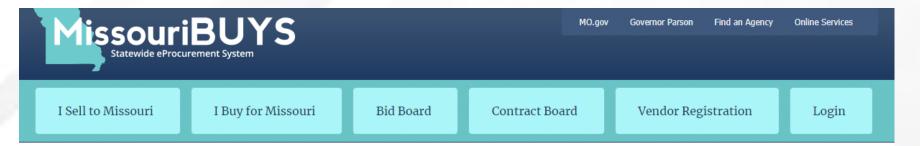


State Spending Authority

- Delegated Spending Authority under MO Statute
 - Division of Purchasing
 - Over \$100,000
 - Departments
 - Under \$100,000
 - Up2\$10K

Procurement					
Division of Purchasing		State Departments			
< \$10,000 = Up2\$10K Program (more on future slide)					
ΙΤ	Non IT	IT	Non IT		
\$100,000.01	\$50,000 +	\$10,000.01 to \$49,999.99	\$10,000.01 to \$100,000		

State Contracts



The step-by-step instructions for submitting bids can be found here.

The vendor is solely responsible for ensuring timely submission of their electronic solicitation response. Failure to allow adequate time prior to the solicitation end date to complete and submit a response to a solicitation, particularly in the event technical support assistance is required, places the vendor and their response at risk of not being accepted on time.

If a vendor does not have electronic accessibility to submit an electronic bid response, the vendor must contact the bid's buyer of record at least five (5) days prior to the due date of the bid to determine if an alternate process is available to accept the vendor's bid. However, at this time under the current circumstances, electronic bid submission is the only certain way to be able to submit your bid response.

The MissouriBUYS system will be down intermittently for system maintenance as follows:

Saturday, July 15, from 7:00 to 4:00 pm

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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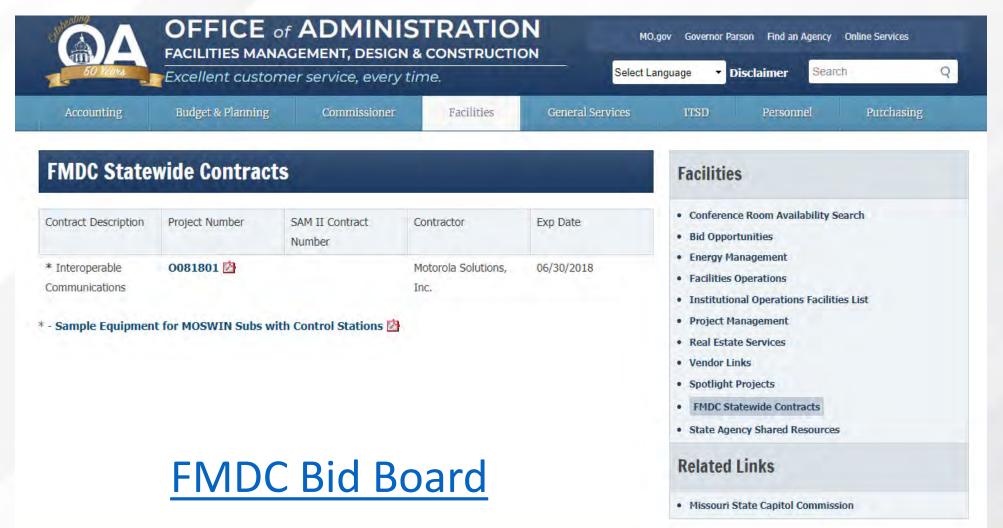
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E-Procurement system



State Contracts (continued)





State Contracts (continued)



Up2\$10K Program

 Contracts with annual revenue under \$10,000 spend within 12 months or 1 fiscal year do no require competitive/formal bids



Subcontracting

State of Missouri Bid Board - Bid Opportunities

Bid Response Instructions Upcoming MBE/WBE and SDVE Subcontracting Bid Opportunities

Bid Locator Tool

Explore Bid Opportunities Across the State

cription	Projected Issuance	Buyer	UNSPSC Code(s)	Prior Bid #/Current Contract #
munity Based Navigation Services rtment of Health and Senior Services	August	Julie Kleffner ⊠	85111602	RFPS30034902300918 / CS230918001
servation Area Ground Maintenance Services ouri Department of Conservation	August	Melissa Sackett ⊠	72102905	RFPS30034902100477 CS210477001-005
tal Workers to Provide Care in Long Term Care lities rtment of Health & Senior Services	August	Ashten Lorts ₪	85122000	N/A
ing and Grouting Services rtment of Natural Resources	August	Sarah Wilson ⊠	73000000 73180000 73181000 73181008	CS200045001

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Subcontracting (continued)

State contract -> Prime contractors

Prime contractors -> Subcontractors

No relationship between Subs and State





Looking Ahead

Build Relationships

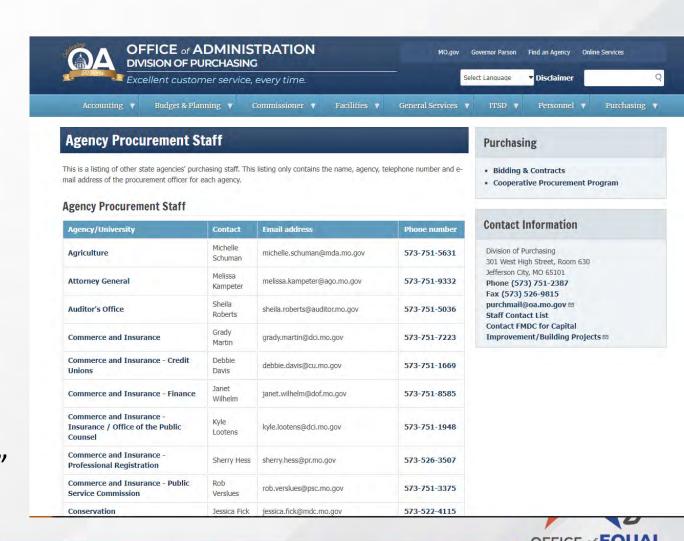
- Build relationships with prime vendors
- Build relationships with procurement officers and buyers
- MO State Purchasing Staff Contact

Network

- Connect with other Small Businesses and learn from each other
- Attend events and expos

Get ACCESS

- Do your research
- Practice your "30 second elevator pitch"



Next Steps: ACCESS



Information



Resources



Capital



Connect and Grow

Resource Organizations

- Minority Business Development Agency
- Missouri Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC/APEX)
- Small Business Association (SBA)

State Agencies

- Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED)
- OA Division of Purchasing
- OA Facilities, Management, Design
 & Construction (FMDC)



Questions



