

# SMALL CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIERS (SCS) Certification

**FAST TRACK** 

# Partnering for Prosperity





King County and the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) have partnered to increase contracting opportunities for businesses certified by the OMWBE.

As a result of this partnership, OMWBE small businesses automatically qualify for certification by King County as a Small Contractor and Supplier (SCS).

#### **OMWBE** Certifications eligible for Fast-Track SCS Certification:

- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Women's Business Enterprise (WBE)
- Minority Women's Business Enterprise (MWBE)
- Combined Business Enterprise (CBE)
- Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise (SEDBE)

#### Small Business & Supplier Certification Process

#### **Standard Application**

- Apply on-line: <a href="https://kingcounty.diversitycompliance.com/">https://kingcounty.diversitycompliance.com/</a>
- Complete company profile
- Provide Proof of income (Upload)
  - CPA Affidavit documenting net work and business size or
  - Personal Net Worth Statement + 3 Year of Tax Returns and Schedules

#### **Fast-Track Application**

- No application required
- Send an email to <a href="mailto:scscertification@kingcounty.gov">scscertification@kingcounty.gov</a> requesting fast-track SCS certification

#### **SCS** Certification Requirements

- Be a For-Profit Small Business and licensed to do business in Washington State
- ✓ Meet the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards for small businesses, and do not exceed an overall business size limit of \$26.29 million in gross receipts over a three-year average.
- Personal net worth of majority owner(s) must be less than \$1.32M (excluding primary residence and equity in the business)

Visit our website for more information:

www.kingcounty.gov/BDCC

SCS certification is recognized by:











Why should I certify my business?



# Contracting Opportunities Program Small Contractor & Supplier Certification

#### Goods and Services

#### **Contracting Incentives for King County Funded Good & Services Contracts:**

- ✓ Purchases between \$10,000 and \$50,000: Requires quotes from three companies with at least one quote from an SCS firm.
- ✓ Purchases \$50,000+: A Fair Market Range Percentage Incentive is used to provide opportunities for small businesses to be competitive on low bid procurements.
- ✓ SCS Accelerator set aside program for consulting services procurements.



# Contracting Opportunities Program Small Contractor & Supplier Certification

### Architecture / Engineering / Professional Consulting

Contracting Incentives for King County Funded Contracts:

- ✓ Evaluation points awarded to SCS prime consultants
- ✓ Evaluation points awarded to prime consultants for teaming with certified firms and committing to meeting a percentage goal.
- ✓ A/E/P Roster—requirements for soliciting qualifications from SCS firms. Project size limit of \$500K. No limit on the number of roster projects awarded to SCS firms.

#### A/E/P ROSTER- 2021

17 of 19 roster contracts awarded to SCS small businesses (\$4.9 million)



# Contracting Opportunities Program Small Contractor & Supplier Certification

#### Construction

Contracting Incentives for King County Funded Contracts:

- ✓ Percentage of the contract dollar amount required to go to SCS firms on King County funded, publicly advertised construction projects.
- ✓ SCS goals for Job Order Contract (JOC) At least 90% of the work contained in a job order contract must be subcontracted. Small projects are executed via work orders and are suitable for many SCS certified contractors.





# Do business with King County

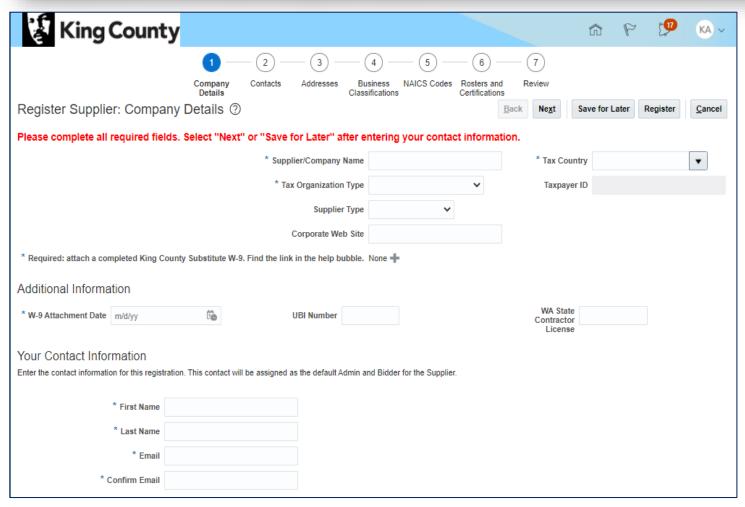


**CERTIFY** your small firm

REGISTER as a vendor

### **E-Procurement**

### Supplier Portal Registration



All active solicitations will be conducted on the E-Procurement portal.

Register your firm to gain access to the portal to participate in solicitations.

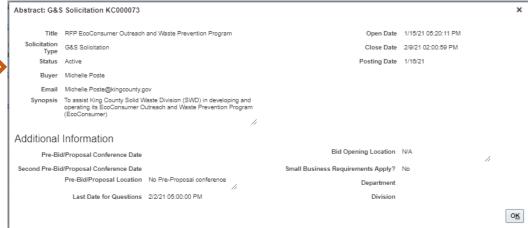
- Only I company profile allowed; add multiple contacts.
- Opt-in to the Consultant Roster
- Required: Complete &upload the <u>W-</u>9
  Taxpayer Identification (IRS W9) form.
- Complete all the required fields (\*) & train stops.
- Select all NAICS Codes that apply to your company to ensure you receive invitations to solicitations.

### **E-Procurement**

#### Solicitation Abstract Page

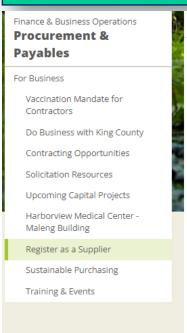


- View publicly advertised solicitations on the Solicitation Abstract page and create a response by logging in through portal.
- High-level details on the solicitation provided:
  - ✓ Solicitation Number
  - ✓ Title
  - ✓ Type
  - ✓ Status
  - ✓ Posting, Open & Close Dates
  - ✓ Details page



#### **E-Procurement**

### Resources for Registration and Bidding



Home » Finance & Business Operations » Procurement & Payables » For Business » Register as a Supplier

#### Register as a Supplier

#### **Register Now**

King County's new E-Procurement Supplier Portal is now live!

#### **Quick Links**

Sign in to Supplier Portal

View current solicitations

Holders Lists, Attendees Lists, and Submittals

Supplier training and events

Certify my small business

#### Questions?

Contact Us

Training and Resources are available through King County Procurement:

www.kingcounty.gov/procurement

Vendor Orientations offered throughout the year:

- Goods and Services
- Architecture and Engineering
- Construction

#### **E-Procurement Supplier Portal Resources**

To support your learning of the E-Procurement Supplier Portal, we offer these resources.

Password Reset Instructions

- · Supplier Registration User Guide PDF | Video Tutorial
- · Supplier Profile Maintenance User Guide PDF | Video Tutorial
- Supplier Solicitation User Guide PDF
  - Respond to a Solicitation Video Tutorial
  - Acknowledge Addendum Video Tutorial
  - Revise & Resubmit a Solicitation Response Video Tutorial
  - View Solicitation Response History Video Tutorial
  - Delete Solicitation Response Video Tutorial
- Supplier Questionnaire User GuidePDF | Video Tutorial
- Supplier Reset Password User Guide PDF | Video Tutorial
- · Identifying NAICS Codes User Guide PDF | Video Tutorial

# **Increase Visibility**

## **Using NAICS Codes**

For many public procurements, buyers or prime contractors use the OMWBE and King County SCS directories to find potential vendors or teaming partners.

Both OMWBE and King County uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to Categorize Businesses.

- ✓ Find your NAICS Code at NAICS.com
- ✓ Include all related NAICS codes to be included in more searches
- √ King County procurement system use NAICS codes to send notifications or invite vendors to propose





## **Increase Visibility**

## Using Keywords (SCS and OMWBE Directories)

- ✓ Keywords help narrow a search to the most qualified firms and they can also stir interest from a prospective client.
- Compelling company descriptions with clear and descriptive keywords will help your chances to be asked to bid or team
- ✓ Choose the right words; don't be too wordy
- Look at previous solicitations to find commonly used keywords
- ✓ Look at other company descriptions in the SCS or OMWBE directories





