**Purchasing**

**BPM-304 Preferential Consideration**

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**PREFERENCE FOR MISSOURI PRODUCTS AND MISSOURI FIRMS**

Preference shall be given to Missouri products, materials, services and firms when the goods or services to be provided are equally or better suited for the intended purpose and can be obtained without additional cost. Firms are considered "Missouri firms" if they maintain a regular place of business in the State of Missouri.

**PARTICIPATION BY DISADVANTAGED VENDORS**

Small business concerns and small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in performing contracts and purchase orders let by the University of Missouri.

The University of Missouri shall award all contracts and purchase orders on a fair and equitable basis, in accordance with its policy to not discriminate against any business enterprise, including any owned or operated by women, minority group members, or socially or economically disadvantaged individuals.

Efforts will be made to inform departmental buyers about the availability of minority suppliers for purchases that do not require bids, and to inform minority suppliers about bid requests to which they may be able to respond.

The University of Missouri will assist minority vendors in learning how to do business with the University as follows:

* Information on purchasing procedures will be provided in special publications designed to assist in learning how to do business with the University.
* The University will compile, maintain and/or make available source lists and directories for the purpose of increasing procurement from minority and women owned businesses.
* Minority vendors will be solicited on each procurement for which such businesses may be able to respond.
* Goals will be established for expanding the business done with minority businesses. A quarterly review will be made to evaluate the performance of the purchasing units regarding goals and to aid in restating the goals of each.

**FEDERALLY DESIGNATED PREFERENCES**

When a procurement involves the expenditure of federal funds, the University shall comply with such federal law and authorized regulations which are mandatorily applicable.

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