

## Supplier Diversity as a Core Value

**Emory University** serves a broad multicultural constituency representing the diversity of this nation. Part of our educational mission is to be an advocate of inclusion through competitive access to support the growth and economic prosperity of the communities we serve. To that end, we have launched a formal process aimed at ensuring business opportunity for minority and women owned firms as suppliers and contractors providing goods and services that we routinely purchase.

We strongly support supplier diversity because it is a key component of our core values and business priorities.

**Emory is committed** to making every effort to procure goods and services from qualified minority owned, women owned and small businesses. We encourage our suppliers to do likewise and we are willing to assist them in their efforts. The success of this University and the communities we serve depends largely on the commitment and support of our strategic business partners to ensure economic opportunity.

**Supplier Diversity offers** a new perspective and capabilities that aid us in understanding and embracing the multicultural communities that we serve. Organizations that recognize diversity as a strategic advantage report higher productivity and a strengthened sense of team. Supporting Supplier Diversity reinforces our commitment to the community, our employees and suppliers as we cast a wider net of inclusion through competitive access.

Please seek the assistance of the Office of Supplier Diversity within the Procurement and Contract Administration office for guidance in helping us to achieve this important goal.

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