

3344-65-18 Minority business enterprise (MBE) set-aside.

- (A) Under section 125.081 of the Revised Code and accompanying administrative regulations, fifteen per cent of the annual total aggregate purchases of goods and services are to be set aside for bidding only to MBEs. The cooperation of all departments is required and expected in support of the university's supplier diversity initiative, when possible. A list of MBE vendors is available on purchasing services web page or by contacting purchasing services. A list of MBE certified contractors and vendors is available at: <http://eodreporting.oit.ohio.gov/searcheodreporting.aspx>
- (B) The senior vice president for business affairs and finance or designee (SVPBAF) may override the lowest cost quote or bid in favor of selecting the MBE vendor if the SVPBAF determines that the university is falling short of its fifteen percent MBE spend. The procedural override is allowed if selecting the MBE assists in the university meeting the state of Ohio set-aside requirement.

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