

VENDOR POLICY

Kansas City PBS actively seeks to identify and do business with companies owned by certified* diverse vendors. Encouraging a diverse vendor base and an inclusive vendor selection process enhances our mission to the community.

Kansas City PBS vendor diversity goals:

- Increase the participation of diverse vendors in contracting opportunities thereby increasing the likelihood of contract spend with these vendors while maintaining current standards of quality, competitive pricing and customer service.
- To the greatest extent possible, ensure at least one diverse vendor is included for consideration in all contracting opportunities.
- Ensure diverse vendors are treated fairly during the solicitation, award and administration of contracts.
- Encourage diverse vendors to become certified through the appropriate organizations.
- Use the Kansas City MWDBE* directory and various third party organizations to identify potential vendors.

Diverse vendors are defined as businesses owned by the following groups:

- Women
- Specific racial and ethnic groups
- Veterans
- People with disabilities
- Small or disadvantaged businesses

*Diverse vendor certifications from various third party organizations and their respective affiliates including, but not limited to, Kansas City Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE), the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

*MWDBE - Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise