

# Chapter **2927**. Participation of Small Businesses and Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in County Procurement

## Summary

This chapter outlines the County's policy promoting procurement from small businesses, ~~and~~ businesses owned by minorities, women, and service disabled veterans, and employment services organizations.

### Essential Information in this Chapter

- This County policy is to ~~ass~~ure that small businesses and businesses owned by minorities, women, and service disabled veterans have the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in County procurement transactions.

### Key References to the Code of Virginia Applicable to this Chapter

Section 2.2-4310(B): Participation of Small, Women-Owned, Minority-Owned, and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business and Employment Services Organizations in Procurement

## **2927-1**      Definitions

The terms set forth below shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- a. "Control" means exercising the power to make policy decisions.
- b. "Operate" means being actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business.

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the terms "Minority individual," "Minority-owned business," "Service disabled veteran," "Service disabled veteran business," "Small business," ~~and~~ "Women-owned business" and "Employment Services Organization" shall be as defined in *Virginia Code* § 2.2-4310(~~EF~~) or its successor(s), as amended.

## **2927-2**      Policy

It is the policy of the County ~~of Albemarle~~, acting through its officers, agents, and employees, in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act, to:

- a. Actively promote the procurement or lease of goods, services, insurance, or construction, from small businesses, ~~or~~ businesses owned by minorities, women, and service disabled veterans, and employment services organizations in an equally competitive manner.
- b. Include participation from qualified small businesses, ~~and~~ minority-owned, women-owned, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, and employment services organizations on solicitation lists or through postings on the Virginia Department of General Services Division of Purchasing and Supply eProcurement Portal (eVA) .
- c. ~~As~~Ensure that small businesses, ~~and~~ minority-owned, women-owned, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, and employment services organizations are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- d. ~~Utilize~~Use a list or access a list through eVA of small businesses, ~~and~~ minority-owned, women-owned, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, and employment services organizations published by the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity and the Department of Veterans Services.
- e. Where procurement requirements permit, establish delivery schedules which will encourage participation by small businesses, ~~and~~ minority-owned, women-owned, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, and employment services organizations.
- f. Cooperate with, ~~and~~ use the services and assistance of, ~~the~~ the United States Small Business Administration, the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, ~~and~~ the Department of Veterans Services, and other public or private agencies.
- g. Participate to the maximum extent possible in all local and regional purchasing fairs for small businesses, ~~and~~ minority-owned, women-owned, and service disabled veteran-owned businesses, and employment services organizations.