SUMMARY OF ODE MBE-EDGE POLICY

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

State agencies in Ohio are required to dedicate 15% of contract expenditures to MBE certified vendors. Under the EDGE program, State agencies are required to dedicate 5% of contract expenditures to economically and socially under-utilized business. Only vendors that have registered with the State are eligible to obtain contracts under either of these programs.

The ODE PMO maintains a list of State Term Schedule (STS) vendors that are interested in working with the agency. MBE and EDGE certification are validated and tracked for each STS vendor.

Agency IT opportunities are distributed to interested parties via listserv. MBE and EDGE certified STS vendors will be notified using a separate listserv for certified vendors only. These RFQs will also be posted on ODE's Notices for Information Technology Vendors web page. A note will be added to indicate that the opportunity is available to MBE/EDGE vendors only.

Note: To locate this page, go to the ODE internet site at http://www.ode.state.oh.us. Enter the keyword "**vendors"** in the Search field, and click the Search button.

The Director of the PMO will review each planned contract engagement to determine if it will be released exclusively to MBE vendors based on the following criteria:

- Current ODE contract for same service
- ODE's current percentage of MBE/EDGE contracts
- Availbility of MBE/EDGE vendors who can supply the needed service
- Contract type

Prior to qualified vendor selection, MBE/EDGE certification will be validated through the DAS Equal Opportunity Website.

If a contract is released to MBE/EDGE vendors only and no qualified submission is received, the engagement may be released to the entire PMO STS Vendor listserv as a rebid.