



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY  
**SUPPLIER  
DIVERSITY**

# Helping Lehigh To Grow Better Together.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY:



- Promotes innovation
- Enhances competition
- Helps small and diverse businesses grow and expand
- Increases equity and inclusion for businesses often left out of a supplier base



- Increases job opportunities in our community
- Produces new and agile suppliers with a strong desire to provide goods and services to Lehigh



- Is a commitment beyond being compliant



## OUR COMMITMENT

The Supplier Diversity Program will help build upon a strong commitment to work closely with local small and diverse businesses to help them grow and prosper, which will help contribute to the economic strength and stability of our communities.



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Seek out certified small and diverse suppliers that can provide competitive, high-quality goods
- Include small and diverse suppliers in all competitive bidding
- Champion the value of a diverse supplier base to internal and external stakeholders
- Be open to renegotiating existing contractual commitments



## HOW TO INCLUDE DIVERSE SUPPLIERS

- Learn to use the Small and Diverse supplier search tool from SupplierGateway (more info on purchasing website)
- Notify Purchasing about upcoming opportunities in advance ; we can help you identify diverse suppliers
- Don't get discouraged and be patient. There may not be a current need for their offering now, but keep them in mind for future opportunities

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