



Ohio Revised Code

Section 125.08 Purchasing districts.

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(A) The department of administrative services may divide the state into purchasing districts wherein supplies or services are to be delivered and shall describe those districts on all applications for the notification list provided for in this section.

Any person may have that person's name and address, or the name and address of an agent, placed on the competitive selection notification list of the department of administrative services by sending to the department the person's name and address, together with a list of the supplies or services described in the manner prescribed by the department produced or dealt in by the person with a request for such listing, a list of the districts in which the person desires to participate, and all other information the director of administrative services may prescribe. Whenever any name and address together with a list of the supplies or services produced or dealt in is so listed, the department shall post notice, as provided in division (A) of section 125.07 of the Revised Code, for the benefit of the persons listed on the notification list that are qualified Ohio business enterprises, which shall include Ohio penal industries as defined by rule of the director of administrative services, or have a significant Ohio presence in this state's economy, except that, in those circumstances in which the director considers it in the best interest of this state, the director shall post notice, as provided in division (A) of section 125.07 of the Revised Code, for the benefit of all persons listed on the notification list. The department need only provide competitive selection documents for a proposed contract to persons who specifically request the documents.

The director may remove a person from the notification list and place the person on an inactive list if the person fails to respond to any notices of proposed purchases that appear in four consecutive bulletins or other forms of notification that list those notices. Upon written request to the director by the person so removed, the director may return the person to the notification list if the person provides sufficient evidence regarding intent to offer bids or proposals to the state. The director shall not remove any person from the list without notice to the person. The notice may be a part of the notices of proposed purchase.



(B) Any person who is certified by the equal employment opportunity coordinator of the department of administrative services in accordance with the rules adopted under division (B)(1) of section 123.151 of the Revised Code as a minority business enterprise may have that person's name placed on a special minority business enterprise notification list to be used in connection with contracts awarded under section 125.081 of the Revised Code. The minority business enterprise notification list shall be used for bidding on contracts set aside for minority business enterprises only. In all other respects, the list shall be maintained and used in the same manner and according to the same procedures as the notification list provided for under division (A) of this section, except that a firm shall not be removed from the list unless the coordinator determines that the firm is no longer a minority business enterprise. A minority business enterprise may have its name placed on both the notification lists provided for in this section.

(C) The director of administrative services may require an annual registration fee for the listings provided for in division (A) or (B) of this section. This fee shall not be more than ten dollars. The department may charge a fee for any compilation of descriptions of supplies or services. This fee shall be reasonable and shall not exceed the cost required to maintain the notification lists and provide for the distribution of the proposed purchase to the persons whose names appear on the lists.