



Ohio Revised Code

Section 340.13 Setting aside contracts for bidding by minority business enterprises only.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Minority business enterprise" has the same meaning as in section 122.71 of the Revised Code.

(2) "EDGE business enterprise" has the same meaning as in section 122.922 of the Revised Code.

(B) Any minority business enterprise that desires to bid on a contract under division (C) of this section shall first apply to the department of development for certification as a minority business enterprise. Any EDGE business enterprise that desires to bid on a contract under division (D) of this section shall first apply to the department of development for certification as an EDGE business enterprise. The director of development shall approve the application of any minority business enterprise or EDGE business enterprise that complies with the rules adopted under section 122.71 or 122.922 of the Revised Code, respectively. The director shall prepare and maintain a list of minority business enterprises and EDGE business enterprises certified under those sections.

(C) From the contracts to be awarded for the purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, or services, other than contracts entered into under section 340.036 of the Revised Code, each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall select a number of contracts with an aggregate value of approximately fifteen per cent of the total estimated value of contracts to be awarded in the current fiscal year. The board shall set aside the contracts so selected for bidding by minority business enterprises only. The bidding procedures for such contracts shall be the same as for all other contracts awarded under section 307.86 of the Revised Code, except that only minority business enterprises certified and listed pursuant to division (B) of this section shall be qualified to submit bids.

(D) To the extent that a board is authorized to enter into contracts for construction, the board shall strive to attain a yearly contract dollar procurement goal the aggregate value of which equals



approximately five per cent of the aggregate value of construction contracts for the current fiscal year for EDGE business enterprises only.

(E)(1) In the case of contracts set aside under division (C) of this section, if no bid is submitted by a minority business enterprise, the contract shall be awarded according to normal bidding procedures. The board shall from time to time set aside such additional contracts as are necessary to replace those contracts previously set aside on which no minority business enterprise bid.

(2) If a board, after having made a good faith effort, is unable to comply with the goal of procurement for contracting with EDGE business enterprises pursuant to division (D) of this section, the board may apply in writing, on a form prescribed by the department of administrative services, to the director of behavioral health for a waiver or modification of the goal.

(F) This section does not preclude any minority business enterprise or EDGE business enterprise from bidding on any other contract not specifically set aside for minority business enterprises or subject to procurement goals for EDGE business enterprises.

(G) Within ninety days after the beginning of each fiscal year, each board shall file a report with the department of behavioral health that shows for that fiscal year the name of each minority business enterprise and EDGE business enterprise with which the board entered into a contract, the value and type of each such contract, the total value of contracts awarded under divisions (C) and (D) of this section, the total value of contracts awarded for the purchases of equipment, materials, supplies, or services, other than contracts entered into under section 340.036 of the Revised Code, and the total value of contracts entered into for construction.

(H) Any person who intentionally misrepresents self as owning, controlling, operating, or participating in a minority business enterprise or an EDGE business enterprise for the purpose of obtaining contracts or any other benefits under this section shall be guilty of theft by deception as provided for in section 2913.02 of the Revised Code.