LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE

BOARD RULE

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The District Board of Lake-Sumter State College (LSSC) is committed to encourage utilization of Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE's) for the procurement of goods and/or services that are competitively priced and that provide high quality service and performance; in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes.

1. The District Board recognizes the importance of fair and open competition in public procurement which reduces the appearance and opportunity for favoritism and inspires public confidence that contracts are awarded both equitably and economically. The policies and bid specifications that are used to determine with whom to transact business have been developed to provide for free, fair and open competition.

2. LSSC endeavors to identify M/WBE's that are eligible for certification in all areas of providing services, supplies, materials, equipment, and construction and informs them how to gain assistance regarding certification from the State of Florida Office of Supplier Diversity.

3. Whenever appropriate, LSSC may utilize the State Purchasing Vendor Bid System to advertise Invitations to Bid, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Quotes, and other solicitations to increase M/WBE participation. LSSC participates in workshops, trade shows, and programs sponsored by community colleges, Federal, State, County, or Municipal governments which are intended to educate, certify and/or promote greater participation of M/WBE.