



Office of the Chairman

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NCUA Supplier Diversity Policy Statement

NCUA acknowledges and appreciates the importance of developing and maintaining a base of suppliers and contractors that is well represented by a diverse group of businesses. The participation of diverse suppliers, such as minority- and women-owned businesses, is important, not only to the nation's economy, but also to the economies within the communities where they reside and operate. NCUA is committed to providing an environment of inclusion for qualified diverse suppliers that meet its requirements for quality, service and value.

At NCUA, the inclusion of diverse firms means maximizing the diversity of the Agency's pool of prospective vendors, and broadly communicating contracting opportunities to this pool. In order to accomplish this goal, NCUA, through the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, has established guidelines that promote supplier diversity and inclusion by identifying qualified minority- and women-owned businesses, inviting them to respond to Agency solicitations, and helping to make them competitive through technical assistance and other outreach activities.

The commitment and responsibility for advancing the inclusion of diverse firms rests with all Agency employees who have responsibility, directly or indirectly, for selecting, evaluating, and approving vendors. Our inclusion strategy is centered on the implementation of procurement practices and procedures that will enhance opportunities for vendor diversity. In line with this commitment, NCUA will continuously monitor its progress in promoting supplier diversity, and ensure accountability, both agency-wide and by individual program office, in meeting the agency's supplier diversity goals.

NCUA is committed to increasing its purchasing initiatives among diverse firms, such as minority- and women-owned businesses. Our Agency will continue to highlight the importance of increased inclusion and participation of diverse suppliers in NCUA's contracting activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Debbie Matz'.

Debbie Matz
Chairman