

A Commitment to Supplier Diversity at Grand Rapids Community College:

Grand Rapids Community College is committed to providing an inclusive environment and creating opportunities for success for all. We believe our diversity is a strength, and we focus on equity as a strategic goal for our campus. We strive to reflect the community we serve and ensure everyone access to opportunities to grow and thrive.

GRCC has established a robust supplier diversity program that seeks to sustain a diverse pool of qualified suppliers to provide goods and services to our campus communities by expanding and extending opportunities to underserved businesses which includes but is not limited to minority, veteran, and women owned businesses locally, regionally, and from neighboring states.

With our commitment to inclusion, equity, and supplier diversity, every member of our campus community and each unit with responsibility to college resources is expected to remain mindful and deliberate when sourcing for goods and services.

I am proud that our Purchasing Department has been recognized for leadership in supplier diversity and creating opportunities. Our team will assist everyone on campus in efforts to work toward this goal. The department is able to provide research on potentially underserved, minority, veteran, and women-owned businesses, when sourcing for quotes or formal requests for proposals as needed.

These processes will continue to expand the supplier network to ensure a robust and competitive supplier network is maintained to achieve the best value for college expenditures. Information about department services, policies and procedures can be found at grcc.edu/purchasing.

Advancing GRCC's commitment to supplier diversity will enhance the vibrancy of our community while continuing to create an inclusive environment where students, faculty, staff and vendors are proud to attend, teach and conduct business.

We view diversity as more than a goal. It's a vital part of our mission to help all of our community advance. We cannot truly thrive as a community without equity and diversity in everything we do, including purchasing. We will continue to grow our supply diversity program by spreading and sharing business opportunities and all taking this responsibility as a top priority in contracting and purchasing.



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