

# 2015 Supplier Diversity Update

Cleveland Clinic has a long-standing commitment to serving local needs by attracting, supporting and partnering with diverse business enterprises. Since 2013, we have been working to create a sustainable supplier diversity strategy by creating a procurement process supporting this commitment. Our goal is to identify and work with qualified diverse suppliers to increase their participation in Cleveland Clinic's procurement opportunities. As such, we seek to partner with strategic suppliers who adopt a similar strategy of inclusion.

To that end, Cleveland Clinic has updated our Vendor Handbook, spelling out new expectations for all suppliers regarding their spend with diverse suppliers. We have identified a target of 10% spend with diverse suppliers at the Tier 2 level. Reporting of this spend needs to be submitted quarterly at a minimum via our online portal. All submissions are subject to audit. For the full details on this updated supplier policy, please visit: [clevelandclinic.org/scm](http://clevelandclinic.org/scm). Once there, click on the "Supplier Diversity" tab.

## Calling All Small Businesses

As part of our growing supplier diversity efforts, Cleveland Clinic will start tracking our purchases with small businesses in 2016. To assist in that effort, we ask all companies designated as SBE to complete an online self-certification by visiting: [clevelandclinic.org/supplierdiversity](http://clevelandclinic.org/supplierdiversity) and click on the link for Existing SBE Suppliers.

The deadline for denoting your company as an SBE is September 1, 2015.

## Are You In The Gateway?

Supplier Gateway is our online portal for supplier management. There is an online webinar to walk you through inputting Tier 2 diverse spend data. Through this tool, suppliers register their companies (providing updated contact information) and log their Tier 2 diverse spend. Registering provides a few benefits to your company, as well as us. Supplier Gateway is a portal used by companies across the country to seek out diverse suppliers for purchasing opportunities. By registering, you become part of the database of suppliers they can see. Other companies using Supplier Gateway include: Eaton, Major League Baseball, Home Depot, and Chrysler. As well, this portal allows us to have a single point of entering diverse spend data. Additionally, registering in Supplier Gateway allows us a more efficient means of contacting your company.

If your company is not registered in Supplier Gateway, please do so by September 1, 2015. Visit <http://app.suppliergateway.com/clevelandclinic> to register. Please note, this will be the final written communication requesting your compliance with our request that you register. All further supplier diversity communication will be made online through Supplier Gateway or via email to the contact person on file in your Supplier Gateway profile.

## More Information

To learn more about our supplier diversity strategy, visit [clevelandclinic.org/supplierdiversity](http://clevelandclinic.org/supplierdiversity), email [supplierdiversity@ccf.org](mailto:supplierdiversity@ccf.org), or call 216.448.8055.