



Small and Diverse Business Programs (formerly Section 505)

Cornell University endeavors to promote the development of mutually beneficial business partnerships so that Small, Small Disadvantaged, Woman-Owned, Veteran-Owned, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned, and HUB Zone business concerns (hereafter collectively referred to as “small/small disadvantaged business concerns”) have competitive access to participate under Cornell University’s procurement of materials, supplies, and services consistent with effective and economic purchasing practices.

Cornell University’s departments and purchasing personnel should plan purchases in a manner that encourages participation by small business concerns, including economic quantities, reasonable delivery schedules and allowing sufficient time to these types of business enterprises to submit bids. When mutually beneficial, Cornell University will provide assistance to small/small disadvantaged business concerns.

You may wish to review the definitions for the above categories in the Federal Acquisition Regulation  (<http://www.arnet.gov/far/>) 19.7 or 52.219-8. If you have difficulty ascertaining your size status, please refer to the Small Business Administration’s  (SBA’s) web site (<http://www.sba.gov/contractingopportunities/officials/size/index.html>), or contact your local SBA office.