

Diverse Contracting Reporting

Each utility has indicated that it is committed to procuring goods and services for its ratepayer-funded energy efficiency portfolio in a competitive, fair, transparent and equitable manner. Each utility also acknowledges the value of supplier diversity in equitably investing ratepayer funds in the communities from which they originated, by creating business and employment opportunities in the ratepayer-financed energy efficiency job market. Each Program Administrator (PA) has committed to creating a Market Development Initiative designed to increase training and contracting opportunities for diverse contractors. As such, each PA will report on the effectiveness of its efforts to enable and provide increases in diverse contracting within the utility's energy efficiency portfolio.

In addition to any standard diverse contractor reporting already undertaken by the utility pursuant to Section 5-117 of the Public Utilities Act, and for electric utilities, as ordered by the Commission in the electric utility performance based ratemaking dockets (ICC Docket Nos. 22-0063 and 22-0067), the PAs will report on a statewide set of metrics designed to provide insight into the policy objective of increasing opportunities for diverse contractors to engage in energy efficiency contracting, and other policy objectives including:

- Details (breakdown) on spending in the Market Development Initiative spending category, including
 - the initial diverse contractor potential study cost,
 - administration costs
 - training program costs
 - other MDI expense category costs
 - dollar-value of contracts entered into with diverse vendors
 - contract payments made to each contractor
 - name of contractors hired as part of the MDI, including the MDI potential study contractor
 - whether any costs recorded and paid to contractors are shared with another utility and percentage share of each utility
 - diverse category (women-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned) for each contractor engaged, and as a percentage of MDI and energy efficiency portfolio budgets
 - identification of tiered contract level (primary, second-tier, third-tier, etc.) for each identified contractor

- Details (breakdown) on spending on diverse contractors for the overall energy efficiency portfolio, including:
 - dollar-value of contracts entered into with diverse vendors
 - contract payments made to each contractor
 - name of contractors hired by utility
 - name of contractors hired by both the utility and first-tier or secondary-tier contractor
 - whether any costs recorded and paid to contractors are shared with another utility and percentage share of each utility

- diverse category (women-owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned) for each contractor engaged, and as a percentage of MDI and energy efficiency portfolio budgets
- identification of tiered contract level (primary, second-tier, third-tier, etc.) for each identified contractor
- identification of specific energy efficiency program for which the contractor was engaged.