



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Members of the BEP Council:

Southern Illinois University aims to continuously increase the use of CEI Business Enterprise Program-certified service firms owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to the best of our ability.

Over the past few years, we have developed strong relationships with the diverse vendor community and have worked with BEP-certified vendors as both prime- and sub-contractors across a multitude of categories. As evidenced in the submitted Service Category Report, we did not issue any contracts to firms operating in the investment or accounting service categories in the past year and we do not plan on having a need for these services in the current year. Should an unforeseen need in these categories arise, we will make every effort to seek out vendors identified in the CEI BEP database.

We issued 9 total contracts in the Information Technology (IT) category. We utilized a total of 9 vendors for IT consulting services, 1 of which was a BEP-certified vendor. All other IT contracts were issued for fees and subscriptions and to software vendors to install and service specialized programs on campus.

We infrequently utilize external Legal and Architectural/Engineering services. Last year, we issued 29 total contracts in the Legal Services category, none of which were a diverse firm. Four of the 12 contracts in the Architectural and Engineering Service categories were issued to a BEP-certified firm. We did issue 2 contracts for insurance services, none of which were to BEP-certified firms.

To increase our usage in the service categories we utilize, we will continue to enforce guidelines and requirements for purchases made through the Purchasing department to ensure the inclusion of diverse vendors. For purchases from \$20,000 up to the State Legal Bid Limit, departments must obtain three informal quotes, at least one of which must be from a diverse firm. For formal bids, we require vendors to fill out the BEP Utilization Plan to ensure every effort is made to include diverse vendors if they are available. We utilize the BEP goal setting methodology established for

subcontractor/supplier goal on formal bids. As a university, buying decisions under the legal bid limit are handled internally by each department. To avoid any disconnect between departments making buying decisions and our overall BEP-goals, we meet with departments on a regular basis to keep fiscal officers up to date on current BEP requirements and assist with establishing and managing vendor relationships with BEP firms.

We aim to create sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with diverse suppliers in order to ensure our supplier base reflects the diversity of the wider campus communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Duane Stucky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "S".

Dr. Duane Stucky

Senior Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs

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STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON EQUITY AND INCLUSION
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM FOR BUSINESSES
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ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR 2024

PURCHASING ENTITY NAME & ID #

Southern Illinois University - 664

	BEP VENDOR EXPENDITURES	TOTAL CONTRACTS
AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES	\$ 899,421.19	15
AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALES	\$ 2,357,564.31	6
HISPANIC AMERICAN MALES	\$ 410,068.26	5
HISPANIC AMERICAN FEMALES	\$ -	0
ASIAN AMERICAN MALES	\$ 1,498,430.60	8
ASIAN AMERICAN FEMALES	\$ 12.69	1
NATIVE AMER/AK NATIVE MALES	\$ 515,615.80	1
NATIVE AMER/AK NATIVE FEMALES	\$ -	0
CAUCASIAN FEMALES	\$ 10,351,477.44	62
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:		
(ETHNICITY & GENDER)	\$ -	0
BEP TOTALS:	\$ 16,032,590.29	98
SHELTERED WORKSHOPS	\$ 578,850.37	7
TOTALS:	\$ 16,611,440.66	105