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FY 2023 OFCC EDGE FACTS

\$683 million in state construction projects managed

\$77.1 million of the services provided by EDGE certified vendors

11.3% EDGE participation rate

PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The EDGE program was introduced in Executive Order in 2003 and implemented in 2005 for state capital improvement projects. EDGE is a requirement for companies choosing to perform on State of Ohio construction projects, and, where applicable, requires EDGE certified business participation on contracts.

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A contractor awarded a contract for:

- supplies and services
- information technology services,
- construction,
- architecture and engineering, and
- professional services

may count toward its EDGE goal only those expenditures to EDGE business enterprises that perform a commercially useful function.

As it applies to construction, the program requires companies who are awarded state contracts to make a good faith effort to include EDGE firms on their project teams. For most construction contracts, the required EDGE participation is at least 5% of the total contract value.

COMMERCIALLY USEFUL FUNCTION RULE

For additional information on Ohio Administrative Code Rule, 123:2-14-06 visit: <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-123:2-14-06>

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

EDGE businesses are encouraged to contact selected architects, engineers, construction managers at risk or design-build firms early in a project’s life cycle to promote their services for consideration on a project.

For companies responding to OFCC contract opportunities:

- Make a good faith effort to seek EDGE participation. You may find EDGE firms through this database: <https://development.force.com/ODSA/s/mbddcertifications>

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The EDGE firm performs a “commercially useful function” when it is responsible for execution of the work of the contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved.



- Confirm your intent to meet the EDGE goal in your bid, proposal, or qualifications response;
- If selected, or if the apparent low bidder:
 - confirm your intent to meet EDGE using the Intent to Perform form, or
 - submit a waiver letter and a Demonstration of Good Faith Effort form.
- If awarded a contract, submit:
 - a cost breakdown on the contract schedule of values;
 - pay requests throughout the project that document EDGE participation.

For companies interested in becoming an EDGE vendor:

An EDGE-certified business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by a person(s) who is/are:

- a U.S. citizen who is a resident of Ohio;
- in business for at least one year prior to applying;
- in day-to-day control over the business, exercising final authority over all aspects of its daily operations;
- in possession of all licenses and permits required by law to perform the work;
- economically disadvantaged, based primarily on the owner's net worth;
- and, either:
 - a. socially disadvantaged, based upon race, gender, disability, or other factor; or
 - b. located in a qualified census tract.



To apply for EDGE, complete a Unified Application through the Ohio Business Gateway, <https://ohiobusinessgateway.ohio.gov/OBG/Membership/Security.mvc/Login#MainContainer>

ABOUT OFCC

OFCC is responsible for guiding capital projects for state agencies, state-supported universities and community colleges, including Ohio's comprehensive public K-12 school construction and renovation program. The Commission also manages grant programs for cultural facilities, school safety, and community school classroom facilities.