

PASCO PUBLIC FACILITY DISTRICT – DESIGN-BUILD

PASCO AQUATICS FACILITY PROJECT

1. Understanding PPFD is a new entity, how has the City of Pasco and others complied with RCW 39.10.330(8).

The City of Pasco has met all requirements of the **RCW 39.10.330**. Specific to Item 8, the City's contract and solicitations comply with all requirements regarding reporting, non-discrimination, equal opportunity and encourages minority and disadvantaged businesses to partake in public contracts. For the most recent design-build project under RCW 39.10, the City reviewed the design-builder's work, and it is an elevated water reservoir tank, which is highly specialized; therefore, the work is all self-performed, and there are no opportunity for subcontracting. This project is not indicative of the City's commitment to utilize diverse businesses. The City of Pasco has extensive experience with DBE goals in both design and construction phases of projects. For example, the City Staff reports through the "Diversity Management and Compliance System (DMCS)" portal on all transportation projects with FHWA funds. In addition, on projects with non-mandatory goals, good faith efforts and/or inclusion plans are required. Additionally, City of Pasco includes non-discrimination and inclusion language with all RFQs, RFPs, Requests for quotes and Public bids.

Finally, City Staff participates in regional events encouraging Disadvantaged, minority and women owned businesses participation in Publicly bid projects and solicitations. The PPFD has already contracted with a certified WBE (Thaxton Parkinson), and a federally certified 8a Native owned firm (Wenaha) to assist with this project and is committed to requiring inclusion of small, minority, women, and veteran owned firms on the Aquatic Center project.

2. Please provide a copy of your utilization reports by RCW 39.10.330(8) and when these reports were submitted to OMWBE, as required.

Since the only project by the City performed under RCW 39.10 is not complete yet, no reports have been created. In the specific case of the current design build utilization rates will not be representative of Pasco's typical utilization, since this project is being self-performed by the specialized elevated water tank Contractor, which is not a DBE Certified firm.