



(Reviewed and Revised 5/21/12)

MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 0008

SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF GOODS, SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

OBJECTIVE: The objectives of this directive are to define and describe guidelines and policies governing the purchase of goods, services and equipment.

DIRECTIVE: CHRISTUS Health, in accordance with its management directives, guidelines and policies governing the purchase of goods, services, and equipment, will intentionally award capital asset agreements, service agreements, and supply purchases to certified socially and/or economically disadvantaged businesses (SEDBE), encouraging community economic development and building successful business relationships.

GUIDELINES: CHRISTUS Health does not accept self-certification. A third-party certifying agency must certify a company as a diversity business. CHRISTUS Health recognizes a number of certifying agencies, including, but not limited to:

- The National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) and its Regional affiliate councils;
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE);
- Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB);
- Federal Government Agency (i.e. National Department of Transportation, Department of Veteran's Affairs);
- State Government Agencies (i.e. Dept. of Transportation) can certify diversity suppliers; and
- Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

CHRISTUS Health's Core Value of Dignity calls us to respect the worth of every person, recognize and commit to the value of diverse individuals and perspectives, and have special concern for the poor and underserved. Therefore, CHRISTUS Health will hold its vendors accountable and demand its vendors refrain from discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, orientation, disability, age or national origin. In addition, CHRISTUS Health will demand its vendors operate in accordance with applicable Federal and State Civil Rights Acts as amended from time to time and refrain from discriminatory activity.

CHRISTUS Health will collect data concerning CHRISTUS Health's diversity spend and will report its findings annually. CHRISTUS Health will establish an annual goal for purchases from SEDBEs.

DISTRIBUTION. This Management Directive is applicable to CHRISTUS Health and its System Participants and any other entity that participates in CHRISTUS Health Cash Management System.

APPROVED BY:



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Date