



<p>CHAPTER 5</p> <p>Financial Policies</p>	<p>SECTION NO.</p> <p>5.14</p>
<p><b>REFERENCE</b></p> <p>5.14 Minority Enterprise Program Policy - (BEP)</p>	<p><i>Adopted: February 14, 2017</i></p> <p><i>Reviewed: February 14, 2017</i></p> <p><i>Revised:</i></p>

The College recognizes the importance of increasing the participation of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in public contracts. It is the College’s policy to promote the economic development of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities for certain services as provided by the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act, 30 ILCS 575/0.01 et seq. (the “Act”) and the Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities (the ”Council”).

In support of this policy, the College will encourage the participation of qualified minorities, females and persons with disability owned businesses by advertising, whenever possible, with trade associations, service organizations, minority newspapers and other appropriate media and other organizations focused on the needs of businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities to alert potential contractors and suppliers of opportunities.

In furtherance of the above:

- The College President shall appoint a liaison to the Council.
- The College Liaison shall:
  - file an annual compliance plan with the Council, which shall include a copy of this policy, and shall outline and summarize the College’s goals for contracting with businesses owned by minorities, females and persons with disabilities that are certificated with the State of Illinois for the current fiscal year, the manner in which the College intends to reach these goals, a timetable to reach these goals, and procedures to support this Policy as specified by the Act.
  - provide notice to the Council of proposed contracts for professional and artistic services.
- The College shall:
  - use bid forms identifying the bidder’s percentage or disadvantaged business utilization plans; and percentage of business enterprise program utilization plan.
  - comply with all other requirements of the Act.