

Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board

Small Business Impact Statement

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Please describe the methods your agency considered or used to reduce the impact on small businesses (*examples: consolidation, simplification, differing compliance, differing reporting requirements, less stringent deadlines, performance rather than design standards, exemption, or any other mitigating technique*).

This proposed rule amends the current rule, clarifying and improving some of the services that the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) provides to Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) – often small businesses – seeking to participate in the state procurement process. For example, the rule updates and specifies the information OEO will make available online in its directory of certified M/WBEs. Making this M/WBE information more readily accessible to bidders and contractors may increase the utilization of M/WBEs in the procurement process. Additionally, bidders and contractors – also often small business – will benefit from the information accessible in the online directory.

Please explain how your agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rule.

The agency did not directly involve small businesses in the development of the proposed rule. However, small businesses were involved in the Disparity Study which is a basis for the proposed rule. Businesses will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule after it is filed, and the agency will address any concerns raised by the comments.

Please list the probable monetary costs and benefits to your agency and any other agencies affected. Please include the estimated total amount your agency expects to collect from additionally imposed fees and how the moneys will be used.

The proposed rule will not result in costs or fees to agencies or businesses. A benefit of the proposed rule is that it updates some of the wording of the current rule making it more consistent and easier to read.

Please describe small businesses that will be required to comply with the proposed rule and how they may be adversely affected.

The proposed rule does not impose requirements on businesses; it sets forth the methods by which OEO may assist MWBEs seeking participation in the state procurement process.

Please list direct and indirect costs (in dollars amounts) associated with compliance.

The proposed rule does not impose compliance requirements and does not result in costs.

Please list types of business that will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rule.

MWBEs seeking to participate in the state procurement process may benefit from the proposed rule.

Does the proposed rule include provisions that are more stringent than those mandated by comparable or related federal, state, or county standards?

Yes ___ No X

If yes, please explain the reason for imposing a more stringent standard.

N/A

For further guidance in the completion of this statement, please see §536.300, RSMo.