

Beginning on August 28, 2024, for every solicitation issued by OA-Purchasing, data was collected related to the date the organization began operation for each vendor that was awarded a contract. That date was used to collect the required data points in compliance with the Right to Start Act included in section 34.195, RSMo.

The number of contracts awarded to businesses that have been in operation for less than three years	87 contracts were awarded to businesses that had been in operation for less than three years out of 1,135 total contracts awarded.
The percentage of the number of contracts awarded to businesses that have been in operation for less than three years compared to the total number of contracts awarded	Those 87 contracts equates to 7.6% of contracts awarded to businesses in operation for less than three years out of 1,135 total contracts.
The total dollar amount of all contracts awarded to businesses that have been in operation for less than three years	Those 87 contracts awarded to businesses in operation for less than three years, represents \$24,641,505 in expenditures.
The percentage of the total dollar amount of contracts awarded to businesses that have been in operation for less than three years compared to the total dollar amount of contracts awarded	The expenditures for those 87 contracts represents 6.89% awarded to businesses in operation for less than three years compared to all other contract expenditures awarded since August 28, 2024.
The number and total dollar amount of contracts awarded to businesses owned by each racial minority group, as such term is defined in section 37.013 , women-owned businesses, and veteran-owned businesses compared to the total number and dollar amount of contracts awarded	<p>24 contracts were awarded directly to businesses owned by each racial minority group, as such term is defined in section 37.013, women-owned businesses, and veteran-owned businesses, with 1 of those contracts being with a business in operation for less than three years.</p> <p>Those 24 contract expenditures represents 1.5% compared to all other contracts awarded since August 28, 2024.</p>