

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

Not only does Salk Institute cherish and nurture the diverse culture of its own staff and researchers; it also understands and values the positive impact that small and diverse businesses have on our community and economy. Procurement Services seeks to offer diverse suppliers the chance to compete fairly on project bids that are in their area of expertise. These businesses must have proven experience in their industry, an ability to provide competitively priced products and services, and other basic requirements as noted in this website.

Salk's Procurement Services office supports small and diverse business by:

- Identifying diverse, small and minority businesses as potential suppliers of goods and services for consideration by applying special flags in our e-procurement system and distributing lists to our Salk clients.
- Educating suppliers about Salk's policies and procedures and providing guidance to help identify possible Salk clients.
- Participating in off-campus community organizations to communicate Salk's commitment to equal opportunity in procurement and business contracting.
- Building relationships with diverse suppliers through site visits.

There are many resources available to small, minority and other diverse businesses, some are government managed outreach programs and some are coalitions of business leaders, community organizations and other advocate groups. A few resources of note include:

- The U.S. Small Business Association: <https://www.sba.gov/>
- National Minority Supplier Diversity Program (NMSDC): <http://www.nmsdc.org/>
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC): <http://www.wbenc.org>
- The California State Advocate for Small Business:
<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS.aspx>
- SCORE San Diego Partners: <https://sandiego.score.org/>