

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-4

Expanding Opportunities for Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses

WHEREAS, Arizona law requires state agencies to use small businesses for purchases under \$25,000.00 whenever practicable; and

WHEREAS, national demographic studies show women- and minority-owned businesses are the fastest growing segments of the business sector; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of small businesses in Arizona are women- or minority-owned, and Arizona's growth rate exceeds the national growth rate for women- and minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recognizes the significance these rapidly growing business segments have on the local economy in the areas of employment and economic development and it is in the best interest of the State to enhance the growth and development of women- and minority-owned business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the state, I am committed to incorporating the "best business practices" philosophy into all areas of State government; and

WHEREAS, promoting diversity in all areas of business is recognized as a key strategy directly related to enhanced productivity and profitability.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby mandate that for purchases of \$25,000 or less, when state agencies are required by law to obtain three quotes, at least one of the three quotes shall be formally solicited from a woman- or minority-owned business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Jane Dee Hull
GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Ninth day of July in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Third.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless
SECRETARY OF STATE