## Minority & Women-Owned Business Bid Form

Minority participation is encouraged in all procurements by state agencies. "Minority is defined by Arkansas Code Annotated § 1-2-503 as 51% owned by "an African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander American, or a Service-disabled Veteran as designated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs." The Arkansas Economic Development Commission conducts a certification process for minority businesses. Bidders unable to include minority-owned business as subcontractors "may explain the circumstances preventing minority inclusion."

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