

Diversity in Contracting

Diversity in Contracting 2023 Q2 Newsletter

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2022 Diversity in Contracting Annual Report

2022 was the fourth full year of the Diversity in Contracting program operations. This report details the continued progress that the Port made towards our commitment to WMBE businesses in 2022.

Report Highlights

Port-wide (construction and non-construction): WMBE spend in 2022 was 12.6% (\$59.3M) of the \$472.2M total Port spend.

Non-Construction: WMBE spend in 2022 was 16.4% (\$44.2M) of the \$269.2M total Port spend.

- **Construction:** WMBE spend in 2022 was 7.5% (\$15.1M) of the \$203M total Port spend.
- **Firms Utilized:** The Port worked with 351 firms in 2022, continuing to make progress towards tripling the number of WMBE businesses working with the Port (354 WMBE firms by 2023).

[Read the Full 2022 Report](#)

Upcoming Events

2023 Aviation Industry Day June 20, SEA Airport



Join us for the biggest PortGen event of the year!

Hear about five upcoming construction and architecture & engineering projects totaling over \$1 Billion

Network with the biggest primes in the construction and A&E fields

PortGen 101 + First Look: Project Labor Agreements and Insurance May 31, ONLINE



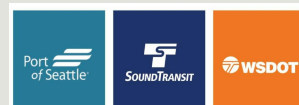
Information on Port PLAs and Insurance Requirements & Project First Look at upcoming \$10-\$12M "Telecommunications Meet-Me Room" project

Save the Date: DBE Certification with OMWBE June 28, SEA Airport



Learn about the benefits of being certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and how to get started on the process

Save the Date: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles August 30, Tabor 100



Meet and hear from DBE program managers from the Port, Sound Transit, and WSDOT

Celebrating our WMBE Community

AANHPI Month with Tres West President, Jenifer Moore

The Diversity in Contracting team is excited to celebrate Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) businesses during the month of May by sharing the story of one of our Asian American-owned small business partners.

Jenifer Moore is President of Tres West Engineers. She shared with us her story of how a networking event led to her first Port project, some very smart advice for other WMBE firms, her unique and touching perspective on AANHPI month, and so much more. We hope you enjoy learning about her and from her as much as our team did!

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Small Business Month with Elcon Associates, Inc.

Celebrating Black History Month with Apex Electrical Group CEO



May is National Small Business Month! In honor of Small Business Month, the Diversity in Contracting team caught up with Elcon Associates... [Read More](#)



We had the honor of speaking with one of our partners, Marcus Cola, about working with the Port, his experience in the Port Accelerator program, and what Black History Month means to him... [Read More](#)

In Case You Missed It

Materials from the following events can be found [here](#)

April 12 - PortGen Connects: Architecture and Engineering Networking



April 26 - PortGen Connects: Job Order Contract and Small Works Opportunities



April 20 - PortGen First Look with Hensel Phelps: North Main Terminal



March 2 - PortGen First Look with Turner Construction: C Concourse Expansion



[Future Procurement List \(4/7/2023\)](#)

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About the Port

Founded in 1911 by a vote of the people as a special purpose government, the Port of Seattle's mission is to promote economic opportunities and quality of life in the region by advancing trade, travel, commerce and job creation in an equitable, accountable and environmentally responsible manner. In 2018, Port Commissioners adopted a new Diversity in Contracting (DC) policy, Resolution 3737, that drives equity in Port contracting. It established a five-year goal to triple the number of women and minority owned businesses doing business with the Port, and to increase the amount of spend on WMBE contracts to 15%.

