

## Questions & Answers - 4

**Solicitation** Oak-0000001089 - ME: Body Bags  
**Buying Organization** Oakland County

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Q6	<p><b>Question: Vendor Participation Requirements...</b></p> <p>Please provide guidance and clarification. The solicitation seems to suggest that Small Businesses, Women-Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned, and Minority Business classifications are required.</p> <p>In reviewing the potential vendor list at least two (2) manufacturers have downloaded the package; and it's probable that they are the two embedded vendors. It is highly doubtful and independent vendors from within the County's classifications can compete.</p> <p>Does Oakland County have a weighting mechanism to adjust for disparities?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Small Businesses, Women-Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned, and Minority Businesses are preferred. I'm not sure what you mean by "embedded vendors" I'm assuming you mean incumbent vendor. The current supplier is not willing to continue the contract beyond the initial contract award, that is why we are seeking a new supplier. The supplier prior to 2022 is a small business concern and had the contract from 2017 to 2022. I believe that prior to 2017 we had a different supplier. I'm not sure what you mean by "independent," The evaluation criteria is included in the solicitation information.</p>	01/20/2026