



## ARIZONA STEPS UP

The Governor's Equity in State Contracting Initiative has created a statewide partnership for equity in procurement called Arizona Steps Up, a statewide collaboration between the Arizona Department of Transportation, the City of Phoenix and the City of Tucson.

Arizona Steps Up is the Governor's Equity in State Contracting Initiative's directory of certified minority-owned, women-owned, and small businesses located in Arizona.

This directory will serve as a resource for state procurement and purchasing personnel and the general public to locate minority-owned, women-owned, and small businesses interested in increasing opportunities to become suppliers. Please visit the website at <http://az.gov/webapp/azstepsup/>

### Arizona State Procurement Office (SPO)

Housed within the Arizona Department of Administration, the State Procurement Community Outreach Office assists individuals interested in doing business with the State of Arizona. The SPO Program Administrator, John Red Horse, can be reached at 602-542-9127.

Pursuant to Governor Janet Napolitano's Executive Order 2007-21, the SPO Community Outreach Office is also responsible for Diversity Reporting for State Agencies which states:

- When required to request quotes, agencies shall rotate the businesses invited to submit quotes and request at least one quote from a woman- or minority-owned business;
- Employees shall be educated about this Executive Order;
- Agencies shall track and report solicitations and awards and submit annual reports;
- Executive Branch agencies shall promote the use of small businesses and woman- and minority-owned businesses as subcontractors and suppliers; and
- Executive Branch agencies shall review participation levels and seek to increase participation.

Additional information about the Governor's Equity in State Contracting Initiative can be found at its website address: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/esci/>

Please visit the SPO Community Outreach Office website at: <http://www.azdoa.gov/spo/directory/directory-files/community-outreach> to try out the AZ Steps Up feature and information regarding available technical training.