

PURCHASING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Completed February 23, 2007

Neither Contracts and Purchasing Services nor Facilities Management extends preferential treatment to vendors or bidders for contracts. Purchasing and Construction Contract forms require compliance with federal and state law. The University will continue to require assurances that vendors, bidders, contractors, etc. do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity or sex. Evidence of such discrimination will be considered relevant when the University is selecting contractors for subsequent work.

In response to the constitutional language contained in Proposal 2, the Purchasing Web site has deleted questions from the Vendor Profile Form and the Vendor Profile Search Form asking about minority and female owned businesses. Payable Accounting has deleted a request on the Substitute Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number & Certification) for disclosure of whether a business is Woman Owned or Minority Owned.

Also in order to comply with the constitutional provision, Plant Engineering and Planning, within Facilities Management, will delete a question on the Pre-qualification Form for Contractors seeking the percent of the business that is minority/female owned.

CMU belongs to the Michigan Minority Business Development Council and works with them to provide minority/women owned companies with training and understanding of university bidding practices in an effort to assist them in becoming competitive when bidding on university work. Facilities Management notes that the architectural firm retained for one of the major construction projects underway on campus has women in primary roles within the firm.