

State Use Program

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What is the State Use Program?

1. Promotes employment for individuals with significant disabilities that prevent them from engaging in normal employment.
2. Administered in-house by OMES Central Purchasing.
3. Establishes the “procurement schedule.”
4. Agencies are required by statute to purchase the goods and services offered by State Use unless the offerings cannot meet their need.

State Use Advisory Council

- Composed of seven members.
- Meets twice per year.
- **Purpose:** Create and make recommendations to improve the State Use Program to OMES.

Qualified suppliers

To qualify for the State Use Program, a supplier must:

1. Be a nonprofit entity.
2. Employ persons with significant disabilities.
 - a. These employees must constitute 75% of the direct labor hours for the good or service.

OR

1. Be certified as a sheltered workshop by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Goods and services offered

- First-aid kits
- Janitorial services
- Work gloves
- Paper towels
- Clothing products
- Food products



Upcoming events and initiatives

- **In-person Certified Procurement Officer training:** Nov. 13, spotlighting our State Use suppliers.
- **Newsletter:** A communication that is regularly sent to State Use suppliers.
- An updated economic advantage study.



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