

164-1-32**Minority business enterprises.**

- (A) In awarding contracts for projects to be financed, in whole or in part, under chapter 164 of the Revised Code, the subdivision shall set aside a percentage of the purchases required by section 125.081 of the Revised Code for competition by only minority business enterprises, as defined in division (E)(1) of section 122.71 of the Revised Code. The percentage shall be applied to the total dollar value of equipment, materials, or supplies to be used to fund the project. The competitive selection procedures for such purchases shall be the same as for all other purchases that the subdivision is required to make, except that only minority business enterprises certified by the equal employment opportunity coordinator of the department of administrative services in accordance with the rules adopted under division (B)(1) of section 123.151 of the Revised Code shall be qualified to compete.
- (B) In the case of purchases set aside pursuant to section (A) of this rule, if no bid is submitted by a qualified minority business enterprise, the purchase shall be made according to usual procedures.

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