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**UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA**
Office of Supplier Diversity



Supplier Diversity Discussion

Supplier I.O. State of Supplier Diversity Report 2022

Supplier I.O. has released its 5th State of Supplier Report, a continuation of an initiative that extends back to 2017 and reflects the growth and maturity of supplier diversity programs and the impact of overarching trends in the economy and society. The 2022 State of Supplier Diversity Report saw the highest level of

participation to date, with over 200 companies of different sizes and industries sharing their current status, best practices and operational challenges, and vision for the future. The 2022 report revealed significant changes in the primary drivers of supplier diversity as more and more companies see programs as a core component of their company culture, and executive and board support is at an all-time high.

To read the Supplier I.O., State of Supplier Diversity Report please click [**HERE**](#)

Econsult Solutions Inc. Critical Issues Facing the Higher Education Sector: Supplier Diversity on Campus

A successful supplier diversity program is essential to the healthy ecosystem that surrounds a university. How can educational institutions contribute to economic inclusion that helps to support thriving communities? Learn the key components for establishing, growing, and sustaining a supplier diversity program that works.

In the third of 8 videos in the series: Critical Issues Facing the Higher Education Sector, **Angela Dowd-Burton discusses supplier diversity on campus.**

Please click [**HERE**](#) to view this presentation.

Business Development

Florida SBDC at the University of South Florida

Emerging and existing business owners in the 10-county Tampa Bay region seek out the Florida SBDC at the University of South Florida for the confidential no-cost consulting, training, and market research and information they need to grow and succeed.

Professional consultants provide expertise in areas that are vital to owning and operating a successful business, including strategic market research; market expansion and revenue growth; business, strategic, and marketing plan development; access to capital and loan packaging assistance; financial analysis and assessment; accounting systems and financial literacy; and feasibility analysis and start-up assistance.

To learn more and to view their training calendar please click [HERE](#)

Finding USF Business Opportunities

To Find Current Opportunities please visit the following websites:

[USF Public Solicitation Portal](#) (ITN - Opportunities)

[Facilities & Design Construction Services](#) (Continuing Service Contracts and Major Projects)

Instruction to access projects on the Florida Administrative Register: <https://www.flrules.org/default.asp>

The FAR offers options for notifications and project-by-project searches.

To set up notifications:

1. Click on "Subscribe for Notifications" under "I What To" on the top left side of the page

To do a project search:

1. Click on the "Go" button under "Advanced Search" at the bottom right of the page
2. Select "Search in Florida Administrative Register"
3. In the "Keywords for Full-Text Search" Type: University of South Florida
4. Skip the "Department Name" and "Division Name" boxes
5. Within the "Section" box, scroll down and select "Notice of Bid/Request for Proposal"
6. Skip the "Issue: box and "Rule Effective Date"
7. Accept the default dates in the "Register Publish Date" unless looking for projects older than one year