



Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund

Procurement Strategy 2016

In all instances the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund seeks to purchase with Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises.

The Fund is a small agency, with one full-time staffer, and it often draws upon the resources of the NYS Gaming Commission to assist with procurement assistance.

The vast majority of the Fund's revenues are allocated to horsemen competing in the New York Sire Stakes races throughout the state, at the seven pari-mutuel tracks and 20 county fair tracks.

Significant amounts of money are also directed toward breeder awards and equine research.

Procurements come in the form of professional services, office supplies and promotional items.

The Fund's acting Executive Director is also its procurement officer, and the search for vendors begins with the NYS' MWBE directory.

The Fund's expenditures follow a seasonal pattern: in late spring and throughout the summer, money is directed toward the racing itself and promotional items; autumn and early winter is the time to reimburse county fairs and to reward breeders of the top harness horses; the late winter and early spring is taken up with publications such as the annual report and stallion directory and in preparing for the upcoming racing season.

The Fund has and will continue to seek out and encourage the involvement of minorities and women in enterprises in which the Fund does business.