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Under the provisions of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960/5.3 (b) (2)), **any hospital having more than 100 authorized beds, and having any capital expenditures in excess of $350,000 for the erection, building, alteration, reconstruction, modernization, improvement, extension, or demolition of or by the hospital,** is required to complete this section of the annual hospital questionnaire (items A through J). The hospital may include capital expenditures below the $350,000 threshold, if desired.

A health care system may develop a system-wide annual report that includes all hospitals in order to comply with this requirement. If the health care system chooses to report in this manner, please indicate the health care system as the reporting entity. The health care system shall use as much State-specific data as possible in this report. If State-specific data is not available, the health care system shall include national data and explain why State-specific data is not available, and what steps the system will take to provide State-specific data in future reports.

If information pertaining to the open-ended questions in this section is currently available for the hospital or health care system on-line, the hospital or health care system may provide the on-line reference for the pertinent information.

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* If the reported information is for a Health Care System, please indicate in the space below the hospitals included in the Health Care system.

If the reporting entity cannot provide all State-specific data, explain why State-specific data is not available, and what steps will be taken to provide State-specific data in future reports:

Please provide the following information based on your hospital or health system's most recently completed fiscal year

For this section, **Qualifying capital expenditures** include "only expenditures ... for the erection, building, alteration, reconstruction, modernization, improvement, extension, or demolition of or by a hospital" [20 ILCS 3960/5.3(b)(1)].

A. What was your organization's goal for qualifying capital expenditures to the following categories of businesses?

	Percentage
Female-Owned Businesses	0.0 %
Minority-Owned Businesses	0.0 %
Veteran-Owned Businesses	0.0 %
Small Business Enterprises	0.0 %

B. What was the amount of your organization's total qualifying capital expenditures for the reporting period? **If your organization had no qualifying capital expenditures, proceed to question D.**

Total Qualifying Capital Expenditures for the Reporting Period (Dollars)	$ 1.00

C. What amount of your organization's qualifying capital expenditures actually were to the following types of businesses?

	Actual Amount Expended (Dollars)	Percentage of Total (Calculated)
Female-Owned Businesses	$ 0.00	0.00 %
Minority-Owned Businesses	$ 0.00	0.00 %
Veteran-Owned Businesses	$ 0.00	0.00 %
Small Business Enterprises	$ 0.00	0.00 %

D. For what type or types of qualifying capital expenditures is/are your organization actively seeking supplier diversity?

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E. What is your organization's plan for alerting and encouraging enterprises of your efforts to promote supplier diversity in your planned qualifying capital expenditures?

The organization promotes supplier diversity by communicating opportunities through its procurement process and engagement with Healthtrust Purchasing Group, Prime Healthcare ' s contracted Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), using inclusive bidding practices for qualifying capital expenditures.

F. What challenges has your organization encountered in its efforts to promote and encourage supplier diversity?

Our organization has encountered challenges related to the limited availability of diversely owned suppliers with sufficient scale, capacity, or specialized experience to meet certain healthcare and capital project requirements. Additional barriers include market consolidation, certification inconsistencies, and limited awareness among diverse suppliers of healthcare procurement processes. Despite these challenges, the organization remains committed to expanding outreach and identifying opportunities to increase supplier diversity.

G. What could the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board do to assist your efforts to increase supplier diversity?

The Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board could assist by providing clearer guidance, sharing best practices, and facilitating outreach opportunities that connect healthcare organizations with certified diversely owned suppliers. Support for educational forums and greater transparency around reporting expectations would further help organizations identify practical opportunities to expand supplier diversity efforts.

H. What certifications does your organization recognize in the recruitment of diversely-owned vendors/suppliers?

The organization recognizes MBE, WBE, VBE, SDVOB, SBE, and DBE certifications issued by recognized federal, state, local, and accredited third party certifying agencies. Prime also accepts self-certification.

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I. How should a potential vendor/supplier contact your organization (point of contact)?

Potential vendors and suppliers may contact the organization through the Supply Chain or Purchasing Department via the organization ' s website, vendor registration portal, or designated procurement email address. Inquiries are directed to the appropriate point of contact based on the product or service category

J. How would a vendor/supplier enroll with your organization to be recognized as a vendor/supplier of diversity ownership?

It is our policy at Prime Healthcare to promote, increase and improve the quality of the overall participation of diverse suppliers. We are open to being contacted by diversity groups and will direct them to our GPO for further vetting and value proposition. We believe diverse suppliers bring value to our hospitals through their unique skills and innovative ideas.

K. Do you have particular examples of successful recruitment of diversely-owned vendors/suppliers which could be instructive to other organizations to emulate in their efforts to recruit diversely-owned vendors/suppliers?

Yes. The organization successfully awarded its exam glove supply to a certified minority owned business through targeted outreach and competitive evaluation. This example demonstrates how proactive engagement and inclusive procurement practices can increase participation by diversely owned suppliers.