

Washington EDGE Pilot Program: Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity

Pilot program

We are developing a new pilot program that will give **mini** and **micro-size** construction firms an **equitable edge** in the public works bidding and procurement process.

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Benefit

Mini and micro-size firms participating in EDGE will receive access to competitive EDGE-only bidding opportunities — narrowing the pool to only likesized firms.

EDGE program

The key components of the EDGE program include:

- Required DES public works training.
- Easy access to technical assistance for navigating Washington contracting rules and processes.

EDGE eligibility

Public works firms are eligible for EDGE if they:

- · Are a mini or micro business.
- Have all necessary licenses to perform public works projects.
- Have been active in construction work for at least three years.
- Have not had any suspensions or debarments in the past two years.