



# Supplier Diversity 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Annual Plan

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# INTRODUCTION

## Description of the CalChoice CCAs

The California Choice Energy Authority (**CalChoice**) is a pioneering California Joint Powers Authority (JPA) established in 2012 by the **City of Lancaster** and the **City of San Jacinto**. As a transformative model for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), CalChoice enables individual incorporated municipalities to maintain local autonomy over their independent programs and rate-setting while leveraging the collective strength of the JPA for essential, centralized functions such as regulatory compliance and resource procurement. By pooling resources, member cities achieve significant **economies of scale**, resulting in reduced operational costs and enhanced programmatic capabilities for each municipality.

- City of Lancaster (Lancaster Choice Energy)
- City of San Jacinto (San Jacinto Power)
- City of Pico Rivera (Pico Rivera Innovative Municipal Energy)
- Town of Apple Valley (Apple Valley Choice Energy)
- City of Rancho Mirage (Rancho Mirage Energy Authority)
- City of Pomona (Pomona Choice Energy)
- City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara Clean Energy)
- City of Palmdale (Energy for Palmdale's Independent Choice)

## Introduction to Report and Plan

As the primary procurement and contracting entity for its members, CalChoice submits this **Supplier Diversity 2025 Report and 2026 Annual Plan** on their behalf. CalChoice and its member CCAs share the California Public Utilities Commission's (**CPUC**) commitment to the important goal of encouraging the development of small, local, and diverse business enterprises (WMDVLGBTBE).

While CalChoice reported no direct certified diversity spend in 2025 due to the specialized nature of the power generation market and its current operational needs, the Authority remains committed to fostering an inclusive energy ecosystem. Throughout 2025, CalChoice and its associate members focused on initiatives that prioritize grid resilience, technical capacity building, and social equity.

By providing robust technical assistance and launching equity-driven community programs, CalChoice is actively preparing local diverse vendors and underserved residents to participate in and benefit from the clean energy transition. Detailed descriptions of these landmark programmatic accomplishments and regulatory advocacy efforts are provided in **Section 9.1.1** of this report.

Through this collaborative model, CalChoice remains dedicated to implementing programs that align with Senate Bill 255 objectives while balancing the requirements of local and state regulations. CalChoice appreciates the opportunity to share our efforts towards Supplier Diversity.

**Robert Johnson**  
**Interim Chief Executive Officer**  
**March 1, 2026**

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## 9.1.1 Description of Supplier Diversity Program Activities During the Previous Calendar Year

### Internal Actions and Strategic Vision

In 2025, the California Choice Energy Authority (**CalChoice**) continued to leverage its joint powers authority model to centralize regulatory compliance and resource procurement for its member cities. While CalChoice does not maintain an official internal Supplier Diversity Engagement Program, it utilizes its collective scale to integrate GO 156 objectives into broader energy and equity initiatives. During this period, CalChoice analyzed its non-energy procurement efforts, identifying that **28%** of its vendor base consisted of local in-state companies and an additional **52%** were located within California.

CalChoice Supplier Summary		
Category	Total	Percent
Local In-State	7	28%
Other In State*	13	52%
Out of State	5	20%
Out of US	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*In State includes business in the neighboring counties of Los Angeles County and Orange County which could be classified as regional.

## 2025 Strategic Programmatic Milestones

The following initiatives represent CalChoice's primary efforts to foster social equity and technical resilience within its member territories. These programs are designed to benefit underserved communities while simultaneously building a foundation for future diverse supplier participation.

- PowerChoice CARE Program & SGIP Advocacy:** In 2025, CalChoice successfully implemented the PowerChoice CARE program across participating member territories. This equity-driven initiative provides income-qualified (CARE) customers with a 50% discount on high-tier solar and battery storage technology. To date, a total of 107 customers are qualified and enrolled in the program.

- **Regulatory Leadership:** CalChoice dedicated significant effort to engaging the CPUC Energy Division to resolve critical barriers regarding CCA eligibility for the Residential Solar and Storage Equity (RSSE) budget. This advocacy focused on ensuring CCA-administered programs met the "Qualified Demand Response" requirements necessary for customers to access SGIP funds, successfully securing a pathway for underserved residents to leverage state incentives.
- **Equity-Based Decarbonization (EBD) Program & Regional Training:** Launched in late 2025 under the program administration of Los Angeles County, CalChoice is a partner in the Southern California Coalition to help market and implement this residential "Direct Install" program. The EBD program provides no-cost upgrades—such as high-efficiency heat pumps and weatherization—to single-family and multi-family low-income residents in disadvantaged communities. CalChoice CCA's offering this program include Apple Valley, Lancaster, Pico Rivera, and Pomona.
  - **Workforce Development:** This initiative includes **Regional Sustainability Training** consisting of community-based outreach and education. It is specifically designed to build a local workforce of diverse contractors to perform the installations, fostering a pipeline of local diverse vendors.
- **FlexWise Demand Response:** CalChoice introduced FlexWise, a state-of-the-art residential demand response program. By incentivizing customers to reduce energy usage during critical peak summer months through behavioral and automated shifts, CalChoice has transitioned into an active manager of local grid stability while empowering diverse residents to take a proactive role in reducing their annual energy costs. The residential program offering is currently under development with an anticipated launch in Q4 2026.

### **Economic Capacity Building and Technical Assistance**

To ensure diverse firms are "contract-ready" for the modern energy economy, CalChoice member cities significantly expanded their business support ecosystems through partnership with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

- **Technical Assistance & AI Literacy:** As the energy sector digitizes, members focused on "futureproofing" local diverse vendors:

- **Santa Barbara Clean Energy:** Launched the “AI Unlocked” event series to boost AI literacy and productivity for local business owners, directly addressing technological barriers to entry in complex energy contracting.
- **EPIC (Palmdale):** Expanded its SBDC partnership to host "AI 101 for Your Business," with all courses offered in English and Spanish to ensure accessibility for the city’s diverse Hispanic-owned entrepreneurial base.
- **Pomona Choice Energy:** Hosted an "AI Made Simple" workshop as part of its broader 2025 strategy to enhance the digital infrastructure of local vendors, facilitating easier engagement with online procurement portals.
- **Financial Readiness:**
  - **Lancaster Energy:** Through a partnership with the Pacific Coast Regional SBDC, Lancaster introduced a series focused on Business Goal Setting and robust financial management, alongside technical workshops on Business Case Writing and project justification.
  - **PRIME (Pico Rivera):** In August 2025, partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to host the “Made in America” Manufacturing Workshop, providing local manufacturers—many with DBE status—direct access to capital programs and confidential advising.

### Targeted Municipal Outreach: PRIME (Pico Rivera)

While not operating under a specific program brand, PRIME conducted significant parallel outreach in 2025 focused on diverse engagement:

- **Power Choice Informational Forum:** PRIME hosted a forum for 35 attendees to facilitate dialogue on the benefits of solar energy.
- **Bilingual Multi-Channel Outreach:** In partnership with Tripepi Smith, PRIME executed a bilingual marketing campaign (postcards and targeted messaging) specifically to reach non-English speaking residents.
- **Workforce Development:** Tied to its SolSmart Gold designation, the city coordinated with local colleges to share solar job training and career opportunities.
- **Business Roundtables:** On November 18, 2025, the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce held a Small Business Roundtable to connect local owners with municipal resources and procurement opportunities.

## Supplier Diversity Recruitment & Language Accessibility

- **Pomona Choice Energy:** Launched the **Ganas Business Program** in 2025, which culminated in a **Small Business Resource Fair** designed to connect local vendors with corporate contracting opportunities and encourage **GO 156 certification**.
- **Language Accessibility:** Most CalChoice member cities utilize **bilingual and multicultural staff** and provide customer service and workshops in multiple languages to ensure inclusivity.
- **Community Partnerships:** Members maintain a vast array of services through partnership and sponsorship of events with local nonprofits and local Chambers of Commerce.

## Municipal Leadership and Inclusivity

CalChoice associate member cities continue to set a high standard for municipal inclusiveness through their participation in the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) program.

- **MEI Scores:** In 2025, our participating members demonstrated exceptional leadership: **Santa Barbara (100)** and **Rancho Mirage (98)** distinguished themselves as regional leaders. Additionally, **Palmdale** sustained its strong performance (89), while **Pomona (78)** and **Lancaster (71)** remained active participants.
- **SolSmart Gold Designation:** In April 2025, Pico Rivera became the first California city since 2023 to earn the national **SolSmart Gold designation** for streamlining solar permitting and reducing "soft costs," significantly increasing community access to renewable energy.

## External Actions In 2025

### 2025 CalChoice Organizational and Regional Accomplishments

- **10th Anniversary of Lancaster Energy:** In May 2025, CalChoice celebrated a decade of local energy leadership with its first associate member, Lancaster Energy. Over the last ten years, Lancaster has served as the successful blueprint for municipal energy independence and significant carbon reduction across the JPA.
- **SolSmart Gold Designation for Pico Rivera:** In April 2025, Pico Rivera became the first California city since 2023 to earn the national **SolSmart Gold designation**. This achievement recognizes the city's excellence in streamlining solar permitting and reducing "soft costs," significantly increasing community access to renewable energy.

- **Power Choice Commercial Resilience:** In September 2025, Lancaster Energy achieved a major programmatic milestone by successfully transitioning its first commercial partner, **Bravery Brewing**, to the **Power Choice+** program. This milestone validates the scalability of distributed solar and storage for local commercial entities and provides a replicable model for energy resilience across all CalChoice member territories.
- **State Incentive and Equity Advocacy:** CalChoice acted as a vital technical advisor by engaging the CPUC to resolve barriers regarding CCA eligibility for the Residential Solar and Storage Equity (RSSE) budget. Through bilingual outreach, member cities helped underserved residents navigate state incentive frameworks like SGIP, ensuring equitable access to funding for solar and battery storage technology.
- **Market Launch of Programmatic Equity Frameworks:** CalChoice successfully initiated the rollout of the **PowerChoice CARE** program across participating territories. This program removes financial barriers for vulnerable residents while transitioning CalChoice into an active manager of local grid stability. The program offered eligible under-served customers a 55% discounted rate compared to the standard Power Choice residential program rate.
- **Regional Sustainability and Workforce Pipeline:** CalChoice successfully established a unified regional framework through its partnership with the Southern California Coalition. Led by program administrator Los Angeles County, CalChoice joins more than 50 southern California partners, including CCAs, regional energy networks, and local community-based organizations to deploy the **Equity-Based Decarbonization (EBD)** program. CalChoice CCAs participating include Apple Valley, Lancaster, Pico Rivera, and Pomona. By providing no-cost energy upgrades to disadvantaged communities, the program serves as a critical engine for local economic development. This initiative is strategically designed to cultivate a specialized workforce of diverse local contractors, effectively building a long-term pipeline of **GO 156-eligible vendors** within the Authority's service territories.

### External Advocacy and Equitable Access Programs

CalChoice is dedicated to ensuring that essential energy services and economic participation tools are accessible across all served communities.

- **Supplier Diversity Portal:** CalChoice maintains a centralized digital resource to educate prospective vendors on the CPUC Supplier Diversity Program and the Supplier Clearinghouse certification process. Kevin Tonoian serves as the primary administrative contact for these efforts.

- **DAC-GT Program Launch:** In August 2026, CalChoice will officially launch its Disadvantaged Community Green Tariff (DAC-GT) program for associate members in Lancaster, Pico Rivera, and San Jacinto. The program is structured to provide approximately 1,590 income-qualified households with 100% renewable energy and a 20% total bill discount.
- **PIPP Pilot Participation:** CalChoice continues to support the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) pilot program for eligible residents. While the pilot reached its maximum participation capacity in late 2025, active participants across CalChoice territories (including AVCE, LCE, PRIME, and others) continue to receive stabilized monthly bills based on a fixed percentage of household income.

### **Workforce Disclosures and Organizational Transparency**

In alignment with SB 1177, CalChoice and its member CCAs provide transparency regarding workforce composition through established state and federal reporting frameworks. As the Authority is comprised of local government agencies, workforce management is conducted at the individual member-city level.

- **Administrative Compliance:** Member CCAs maintain adherence to standardized reporting requirements, including the submission of EEO-1 Reports to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). These filings detail workforce demographics across established job categories, including race, ethnicity, and gender.
- **Workforce Reporting:** CCAs also report workforce data to state civil service agencies, providing information on employee classifications, salaries, and demographics.
- **Public Accountability:** Workforce data is regularly disclosed to various jurisdictional agencies, ensuring that the Authority's operational staffing remains accountable to the public and the communities it serves.

## Governance and Board Representation

The CalChoice Board of Directors is composed of appointed representatives from each member agency. This governance structure ensures that the Authority's strategic leadership is rooted in professional municipal administration and technical expertise.

- **Professional Leadership:** The Board's composition reflects the diverse administrative perspectives and geographic interests of the member municipalities it serves.
- **Administrative Oversight:** By appointing executive-level staff, member agencies ensure that CalChoice operations remain aligned with the specific operational and fiscal goals of each individual CCA.
- **Public Access to Governance:** A full listing of the Board of Directors, including their names and respective city affiliations, is maintained for public review on the CalChoice leadership webpage to ensure organizational transparency (<https://californiachoiceenergyauthority.com/leadership/>).

## 9.1.2 Supplier Diversity Goods and Services (non-power) Procurement

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Supplier Diversity Results of Goods and Services (Non-Power) Procurement										
2025										
#	Group	Category / Supplier Type	Direct Spend <sup>1</sup> \$	Sub Spend <sup>2</sup> \$	Total \$	%	Product Spend \$	Service Spend \$	Total \$	%
1	<b>Minority Male</b>	African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2		Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5		<b>Total Minority Male</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
6	<b>Minority Female</b>	African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7		Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10		<b>Total Minority Female</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
11		<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
12		Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14		Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15		Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise (DBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16		8(a)*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17		<b>Total Supplier Diversity Spend</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
18		<b>Net Procurement**</b>	<b>\$9,340,526.32</b>							
19		Net Product Procurement	\$0							
20		Net Service Procurement	\$9,340,526.32							
21		Total Number of Diverse Suppliers that Received Direct Spend	0							

**NOTE:**

\* 8(a) - Businesses owned and controlled by persons found to be disadvantaged by the U.S. Small Business Administration pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637(a)) or the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to Section 5 of Executive Order 11625 (GO 156 Section 1.3.13).

\*\* Net Procurement includes purchase orders, non-purchase orders, and credit card dollars.

<sup>1</sup> Direct - Means Direct Procurement: when a CCA directly procures from a supplier.

<sup>2</sup> Sub - Means Subcontractor Procurement: when a prime contractor, in contract with a CCA, procures from a subcontractor to fulfill its contractual obligation(s).

% - Percentage of Net Procurement.

## 9.1.2 Description of Diverse Suppliers with Majority Workforce in California

In compliance with **General Order (GO) 156** reporting requirements, CalChoice conducted a comprehensive review of its vendor base for the **2025 calendar year**. This audit included cross-referencing all active vendors against the **CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse** database and the **California Department of General Services (DGS) Small Business, Micro Business, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise** databases.

### Supplier Clearinghouse and Technical Barriers to Certification

CalChoice acknowledges that for the 2025 reporting period, none of its current primary vendors hold active certifications with the Supplier Clearinghouse. This result is largely attributed to the highly specialized nature of the **wholesale power generation and technical consulting** sectors.

These markets historically see significantly lower rates of Clearinghouse registration compared to general commercial or retail sectors.

Despite these structural barriers, CalChoice continues to engage with its professional service providers to identify firms with diverse ownership and proactively encourage their participation in the formal certification process.

### Commitment to California's Economy

CalChoice remains committed to supporting the state's business ecosystem. **Our review indicates** that for the California-based small businesses CalChoice has engaged with, the vast majority of their workforces are based within the state. This ensures that CalChoice's procurement activities—where **80% of our vendors maintain a California presence**—provide a direct contribution to the state's economy.

### Local Procurement Impact

This commitment to regional economic health is reflected in the following 2025 metrics:

- **Local Procurement:** 28% of CalChoice's vendors are located within the immediate boundaries of its member cities and counties, fostering direct community benefits.
- **California Presence:** An additional 52% of CalChoice's vendors maintain their primary operations within California, ensuring that 80% of the total vendor base is rooted in the state's economy

### Workforce Data and Reporting Constraints

Because CalChoice did not contract with certified diverse suppliers in 2025 and does not currently mandate workforce residence disclosures for non-diverse contractors, the Authority cannot calculate a verified average percentage of the total vendor workforce residing in California for this period.

To address these data gaps, CalChoice is currently evaluating its post-contract administrative processes. The goal is to identify a feasible method for **voluntarily collecting aggregate workforce data** in future cycles, ensuring alignment with **SB 1177** standards while strictly adhering to employee privacy protocols.

## Strategic Commitment to Procurement Transparency

CalChoice recognizes that an inclusive vendor pool is essential for long-term operational resilience. The Authority continues to incorporate diverse business identification as a standard component of its procurement reviews. This includes active efforts to identify firms with Supplier Clearinghouse and DGS certifications during all solicitations. While certified diverse spend was not achieved in 2025, CalChoice remains committed to a transparent procurement process that supports California’s clean energy objectives.

### 9.1.3 Supplier Diversity Program Expense

In 2025, CalChoice’s expenses were primarily directed toward the administrative maintenance of its supplier diversity program and ensuring regulatory compliance with General Order 156.

- **Administrative Oversight:** CalChoice continued to fund the staff position responsible for monitoring supplier diversity progress and managing the annual reporting cycle on behalf of its member cities.
- **Compliance and Reporting:** CalChoice utilized specialized legal and consulting services to ensure the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Annual Plan met all CPUC requirements and accurately reflected the Authority's procurement data.
- **Infrastructure Maintenance:** Targeted resources were allocated to maintain the **Supplier Diversity Portal** on the CalChoice website, providing a persistent resource for vendors seeking information on the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse.

Expense Category	Year (Actual)
Wages	\$12,160
Other Employee Expenses	\$0
Program Expenses	\$0
Reporting Expenses	\$65.00
Training	\$0
Consultants	\$1,300
Other	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,525</b>

### 9.1.5 Description of Prime Contractor Utilization of Diverse Subcontractors

In 2025, CalChoice continued to utilize standardized solicitation language and administrative tools to facilitate the identification of diverse spend within its procurement pipeline.

- **Standardized Language:** CalChoice includes specific language in its solicitations to notify prime contractors of the Authority’s commitment to transparency and its support of the GO 156 program objectives.
- **Voluntary Supplier Diversity Survey:** CalChoice utilizes a standardized **Supplier Diversity Survey** (see *Appendix A*) included in all solicitation packages. This tool allows prime contractors to disclose their own diversity status and that of their subcontractors, ensuring the Authority has a consistent mechanism for identifying and tracking indirect diverse spend.
- **Information Sharing:** As part of the solicitation process, CalChoice provides vendors with direct links to the **CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse**, ensuring that all bidders have access to the resources necessary to seek formal certification.

### 9.1.5 New Diverse Prime and Subcontractor Utilization

CalChoice is committed to identifying and onboarding new diverse business partners as operational needs and contract cycles allow. For the 2025 reporting period:

- **New Diverse Prime Contractors:** CalChoice did not utilize any new diverse prime contractors during this period.
- **New Diverse Subcontractors:** There were no reported instances of new diverse subcontractors utilized by CalChoice’s prime contractors in 2025.

California Choice Energy Authority 2025 GO 156 Section 9.1.5		
New Diverse Prime and Subcontractor Utilization		
Category	New Prime Contractors #	New Sub-contractors #
Minority Male Business Enterprise	0	0
Minority Female Business Enterprise	0	0
<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise (M)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	0	0
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)	0	0
Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)	0	0
Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise (DBE)	0	0
8(a)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 8(a) - Firms classified as 8(a) by the Small Business Administration include non-WMDV/LGBT/DBE. Business and controlled by persons found to be disadvantaged by the U.S. Small Business Administration pursuant of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637(a)) or the U.S. Secretary of Commerce (GO 156 Sec  
 \*\* Net Procurement includes purchase orders, non-purchase orders, and credit card dollars.  
 Direct = Direct Procurement: when a utility directly procures from a supplier.  
 Sub = Subcontractor Procurement: when a prime contractor, in contract with a utility, procures from a sub

CalChoice continues to monitor the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse to identify newly certified vendors whose specialized technical capabilities align with the Authority's power procurement and professional service requirements.

#### 9.1.6 List of Supplier Diversity Complaints Received and Current Status

CalChoice and its member CCA programs have received **zero (0)** Supplier Diversity complaints during the 2025 reporting period.

#### 9.1.9 Description of Supplier Diversity Activities and Progress in Power (Energy) Procurement

CalChoice remains committed to transparency within the power procurement process while acknowledging the unique market constraints of the wholesale energy sector.

- **Standardized Solicitation and Data Collection:** To ensure transparency within the wholesale energy sector, CalChoice incorporates the **Supplier Diversity Survey** (see *Appendix A*) into each energy-related bid package. This proactive engagement allows the Authority to gather essential data regarding counterparty certifications and workforce composition directly from market participants.
- **Vendor Engagement:** Existing suppliers are encouraged to participate in solicitations and are provided with information regarding the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse.
- **Market Barriers:** CalChoice notes that procurement diversity in this category is significantly impacted by the highly specialized nature of the wholesale power market and the legal parameters established by **Proposition 209**. These factors, combined with specific geographical procurement constraints, remain the primary barriers to achieving certified diverse spend in power procurement.

#### 9.1.9 Supplier Diversity Results in Power (Energy) Procurement

During the 2025 reporting period, CalChoice analyzed its total power procurement expenditures to identify participation from WMDVLGBTBE-certified entities.

- **Total Power Procurement Spend:** \$297,758,991
- **Certified Diverse Power Spend:** \$0.00 (0%)

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Supplier Diversity Results in Power (Energy) Procurement										
#	Group	Category / Supplier Type	Direct Power Purchases \$				Totals \$ <sup>1</sup>			% <sup>2</sup>
			Renewable & Non-Renewable Power Products \$	Diesel \$	Nuclear \$	Natural Gas \$	Direct <sup>3</sup>	Sub <sup>4</sup>	Total \$ <sup>1</sup>	% <sup>2</sup>
1	<b>Minority Male</b>	African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2		Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5		<b>Total Minority Male</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
6	<b>Minority Fem</b>	African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7		Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10		<b>Total Minority Female</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
11		<b>Total Minority Business Enterprise</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
12		Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14		Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
15		Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises (DBE)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
16		8(a) <sup>6</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
17		<b>Total Supplier Diversity</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
18		<b>Net Power Procurement</b>	<b>\$297,758,991.16</b>							
19		<b>Net Direct Power Purchases</b>	<b>\$297,758,991.16</b>							
20		<b>Net Direct Fuels for Generation</b>	<b>\$0</b>							
21		<b>Total Number of Diverse Suppliers that Received Direct Spend</b>	<b>0</b>							

**NOTES:**  
<sup>1</sup> Excludes purchases from CAISO, utilities, federal entities, state entities, municipalities and cooperatives.  
<sup>2</sup> % - Percentage of Net Procurement.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes Direct Power Purchases and Direct Fuels for Generation. Direct = when a CCA directly procures from a supplier.  
<sup>4</sup> Sub = Subcontractor Procurement: when a prime contractor, in contract with a CCA, procures from a subcontractor to fulfil its contractual obligation(s).  
<sup>5</sup> "Total" does not include pre-commercial development (COD) subcontracting values.  
<sup>6</sup> 8(a) - Businesses owned and controlled by persons found to be disadvantaged by the U.S. Small Business Administration pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)) or pursuant to Section 5 of Executive Order 11625 (GO 156 Section 1.3.13).

## 9.2 Workforce Disclosures and Organizational Transparency (SB 1177)

CalChoice and its member CCAs provide transparency regarding workforce composition through established municipal and federal reporting frameworks (such as EEO-1). As a Joint Powers Authority, the CalChoice Board consists of appointed representatives from member cities, ensuring leadership is rooted in professional municipal administration.

# 2026 ANNUAL PLAN

## 10.2 Description of Supplier Diversity Program Activities Planned for the Next Calendar Year

The primary goal of CalChoice's 2026 Plan is to build upon the programmatic successes of 2025 while implementing new administrative processes to capture diverse spend and workforce data more accurately.

2026 Operational and Administrative Goals	2026 Community and Equity Initiatives
<p><b>SB 1177 Compliance Framework:</b> CalChoice will complete its evaluation of administrative processes to identify a feasible method for voluntarily collecting aggregate workforce diversity data from primary contractors.</p>	<p><b>PowerChoice CARE Expansion:</b> CalChoice aims to increase total enrollment across its participating member territories, targeting a goal of 53 underserved households by the end of 2026.</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Vendor Engagement:</b> The Authority will notify existing prime contractors—particularly those in specialized technical and power services—of the CPUC certification process and provide direct links to the Clearinghouse.</p>	<p><b>Market Access Advocacy:</b> CalChoice will continue regulatory engagement with the CPUC to ensure CCA residents maintain equitable access to state incentive budgets, such as <b>SGIP</b> and <b>RSSE</b>.</p>
<p><b>Clearinghouse Monitoring:</b> CalChoice will perform a semi-annual review of the Clearinghouse to identify newly certified vendors that align with the Authority's specialized operational needs.</p>	<p><b>Follow-up Capacity Building:</b> Member cities will facilitate a second phase of technical workshops in 2026, focused on providing "Contract-Ready" financial training for local manufacturers and installers.</p>

### **Commitment to Transparency**

CalChoice remains dedicated to a transparent procurement process. By including voluntary supplier diversity surveys in all 2026 bid packages, the Authority will gather the necessary data to demonstrate progress toward the objectives of **General Order 156** while adhering to the legal requirements of **Proposition 209**.

### **10.2 Plans to Encourage Prime Contractors to Subcontract Small, Local, and Diverse Businesses**

In 2024, CalChoice began sending surveys to vendors to collect diversity information as required by GO 156 which included a link to the Supplier Clearinghouse webpage and provided vendors wishing to seek certification with information on the process. In the coming year, CalChoice will engage and encourage existing vendors to evaluate opportunities to seek certification. CalChoice will also review the Clearinghouse to identify existing certified vendors that provide services potentially aligned with our operational needs.

## Appendix A: Sample Supplier Diversity Survey

**Subject: CalChoice Annual Supplier Diversity Data Request**

Dear Valued Partner,

The California Choice Energy Authority (CalChoice) is committed to fostering an inclusive energy ecosystem and supporting the state's objectives for business diversity. In alignment with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 156, we are conducting our annual survey to identify and track participation from certified diverse business enterprises.

**Action Requested:** Please complete the following brief survey regarding your firm's current certification status. Even if your firm is not currently certified, this information is vital for our administrative transparency.

1. **Is your firm currently certified with the CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse or the California Department of General Services (DGS)?**
  - Yes (Please provide Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - No
  - In-Process
  
2. **Does your firm utilize any certified diverse subcontractors for the services provided to CalChoice?**
  - If yes, please list the firm(s) and their certification type (WBE, MBE, DVBE, etc.).
  
3. **Workforce Residence Disclosure (SB 1177):** In support of state workforce transparency goals, please provide the approximate percentage of your total firm's workforce currently residing in California: \_\_\_\_\_%

**Certification Resources:** If your firm is majority-owned (51%+) by a woman, minority, service-disabled veteran, or LGBT individual, but is not yet certified, we strongly encourage you to evaluate the free certification process via the **CPUC Supplier Clearinghouse** ([www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com](http://www.thesupplierclearinghouse.com)).

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to a diverse California economy.

Sincerely,

CalChoice Administration.

# Current Operational Members



LANCASTER ENERGY

May 2015



September 2017



April 2018



May 2018



April 2017  
Joined December 2018



October 2020



October 2021



October 2022