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VIA E-MAIL

Timothy J. Sullivan, Executive Director California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California 94102-3298

Re: <u>Verizon Wireless 2015 General Order 156 Compliance Filing – Annual Report and Annual Plan</u>

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Pursuant to General Order 156, Verizon Wireless hereby submits its 2015 Annual Report and Annual Plan. This report is available to others upon request. This 2015 General Order 156 Report and Annual Plan is submitted on behalf of the following entities d/b/a Verizon Wireless in California:

Cellco Partnership (U-3001-C);

California RSA No. 4 Limited Partnership (U-3038-C);

Fresno MSA Limited Partnership (U-3005-C);

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C):

GTE Mobilnet of Santa Barbara Limited Partnership (U-3011-C);

Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership (U-3003-C);

Modoc RSA Limited Partnership (U-3032-C);

Sacramento Valley Limited Partnership (U-3004-C):

Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC (U-3029-C); and,

Alltel Communications LLC dba Verizon Wireless (U-3025-C).

Very truly yours,

Rudolph M. Reyes

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WOMEN, MINORITY, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL PLAN

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ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission, (CPUC) General Order 156, Verizon Wireless hereby electronically submits the attached Annual Report and Annual Plan that cover women, minority, and veteran-owned business enterprise (WMDVBE) activities from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Verizon's supplier diversity program is key to our brand, reputation and growing the bottom line. It's a business imperative because we know having suppliers from a variety of backgrounds affords us diversity of thoughts, ideas and values that helps drive our business forward. Diverse suppliers provide agility, innovation and competitive solutions which allows us to provide our customers with new and exciting technologies and platforms.

For purposes of the GO156 submission, Verizon Wireless' spending with diverse suppliers will be filed separately from Verizon California Inc. and Verizon Business.

<u>OVERVIEW</u>

In 2015, Verizon Wireless spent 19.3% of its procurement dollars with WMDVBEs. These results support our longstanding commitment to the inclusion and utilization of diverse suppliers throughout our supply chain.

Verizon Wireless is committed to promoting and integrating WMDVBEs into our supply chain. We believe that including WMDVBEs in our sourcing process can provide us the greatest opportunity to develop the most innovative, highest quality, and most cost-effective business solutions. Through direct experience, we know that inclusion of WMDVBEs in our business can enable us to deliver business benefits and outstanding results that could otherwise not be possible. We strive to ensure that our business leaders have a broad understanding of the business case for working with WMDVBEs and the competitive advantage that a robust supplier diversity process can provide the company.

In the following sections of this report, Verizon Wireless discusses each topic in Sections 9.1.1 through 10.1.6.

GO 156, §9.1.1: A description of WMDVBE program activities engaged in during the previous calendar year. Internal program activities.

INTERNAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Key Procurement Opportunities

As Verizon Wireless continues to introduce new technologies throughout California, the results have meant new and exciting opportunities for customers and also for the supplier base providing the support for those technologies. In 2015, Verizon Wireless continued to focus on enhancing our 4G LTE mobile broadband network concentrating on wireless solution initiatives and supplying opportunities to a wide spectrum of vendors providing everything from network cellular construction to data network architectures.

Verizon Wireless continued to focus on reinventing our network around mobility, broadband and global connectivity to create a platform for long-term growth. We continue our efforts to provide key opportunities to women, minority and disabled veteran business enterprises in these and other areas of focus in Verizon's supply chain.

Supplier Diversity At Verizon

At Verizon, diversity means cultivating an inclusive organization that reflects the marketplace and leverages the diversity of employees, customers, suppliers, and community partners because it's the right thing to do and drives business success.

Our strategy is to continually partner with a qualified diverse supply base with the right capabilities and capacity to enable mutual success, create superior solutions for our customers, value for our shareholders, engagement from our employees and positive impact to the communities we serve because it's smart business and it's the right thing to do.

Verizon supports numerous outreach/advocacy organizations, which promote and support the development of WMDVBEs through memberships, board of directors and committee positions, as well as sponsorships. Our sponsorships and participation with these organizations give us the opportunity to make valuable business connections and partnerships, while providing additional training, support, and capacity building assistance to diverse business.

WMDVBE Contract Commitments

We continue to build into our contracts WMDVBE commitments with suppliers in support of our principles and to encourage diversity in supplier development, growth and utilization. We believe that driving diverse supplier utilization through our supply chain will fuel the economy in the diverse business community and provide a multiplier effect for diverse business utilization.

Annual Plans

Verizon's purchases of goods and services are obtained via a competitive bid process for contracts over \$1M and managed by Sourcing Process Leaders ("SPLs") within

Verizon's Strategic Sourcing organization. The Strategic Sourcing organization's performance agreements include WMDVBE goals and objectives.

Employee Education

- Supplier Diversity Training Verizon continued to focus on its employee supplier
 diversity education training in 2015. The supplier diversity team consists of subject
 matter experts who provide information on certifications, reinforce the business case
 for supplier diversity, and serve as resources for the identification of diverse
 suppliers. The supplier diversity team provided on-line supplier diversity training
 specifically for the strategic sourcing organization as well as on-line supplier diversity
 awareness training module for the entire business enterprise.
- Business Group Meetings and Conferences –The supplier diversity team
 participates in business group meetings and conferences. During these meetings,
 with line of business senior leaders, the team is able to share supplier diversity goals,
 results and initiatives. Follow-up meetings take place to insure Verizon makes
 progress toward meeting its supplier diversity goals.

Supplier Diversity Champions

Verizon has Supplier Diversity Champions within Sourcing and Procurement and other internal organizations. These champions identify minority business opportunities and advocate at all employee levels by educating employees on the benefits of Supplier Diversity within the company and the corporate community. Verizon has a network of Supplier Diversity champions from across the business enterprise that help broadcast and support Verizon's supplier diversity initiatives within their departments and the business community. The champions also educate diverse suppliers on certification and verification, on-line registration, small business development and how to do business with Verizon. These advocates also attend and participate at many outreach events such as trade fairs, conferences, community fairs, and business development workshops.

Capacity Building Program - Premier Supplier Academy

In 2015, Verizon continued its efforts with the Premier Supplier Academy (PSA). The PSA provides an invaluable opportunity for invited WMDVBE's to meet with Verizon's prime suppliers; enables Verizon's primes to develop new business relationships; encourages our prime suppliers to provide additional opportunities for women, minority and service disabled veteran owned businesses to participate in their procurement process. In 2015, Verizon held several Premier Supplier Academies:

- Second quarter 2015, Verizon partnered with 5 construction prime suppliers and held 5 different PSA sessions on Doing Business with Primes Workshops. A total of forty-eight (48) veteran, minority and women owned businesses attended.
- Second quarter 2015, One of Verizon's prime suppliers for marketing media services partnered with Verizon and held a Doing Business with

Primes Workshop. Seven (7) women owned and minority owned businesses attended.

Internal Communication

In 2015, the Verizon supplier diversity team continued with an extensive internal communications effort:

- Verizon issued comprehensive reports that tracked supplier diversity progress.
 Verizon also issued reports that tracked progress toward California WMDVBE
 goals. Verizon's Supplier Diversity Leadership team provided detailed
 presentations about progress to Verizon business unit leaders and other key
 internal stakeholders.
- 2. Verizon's supplier diversity website provides current information on certification and registration, supplier selection criteria, contact information, and other pertinent information for prospective suppliers.

Key California Initiatives

Each year, Verizon Wireless strives to exceed its supplier diversity goals. To do so, the supplier diversity team focuses on initiatives designed to integrate diversity into our procurement process and garner company-wide participation. There were several key initiatives for 2015 including the following:

Focus on Business and Procurement Opportunities: Verizon continued to assess procurement opportunities and focused specifically on technology, marketing, and logistics to expand our diverse supplier base, to keep us competitive and to help build long-term value for our customers. Verizon's supplier diversity team participated on cross-functional sourcing initiatives, in one-on-one diverse supplier meetings at the NMSDC and WBENC conferences, and held Premier Supplier Academy sessions to ensure progress was made to meet Verizon's WMDVBE goals.

Cross Functional Teams: The supplier diversity team worked directly on cross-functional teams to ensure that WMDVBEs were considered for opportunities. Within the Verizon procurement process, cross-functional teams consist of sourcing process leaders, lines of business managers and supplier diversity managers. The effort and expertise of our cross-functional teams created streamlined and consolidated purchases in order to boost efficiencies as well as maintain and/or increase the utilization of diverse suppliers.

Internal Partnerships: Internal partnerships throughout the business enterprise continued throughout 2015 to drive accountability and focus on results. The supplier diversity team targeted large and small Request for Proposals (RFPs) across the various products/services that had California spend impact.

Evaluated National RFPs: The supplier diversity team reviewed and evaluated national RFPs for possible California impact. Supplier diversity managers joined RFP teams to ensure that California WMDVBE goals were integral to the supplier selection process. Where purchases were to be made directly from Original Equipment Manufacturers

(OEMs), the team identified opportunities in the supply chain for value-added WMDVBE service providers.

Prime Supplier Focus: Verizon continued to recommend its prime suppliers develop and/or expand their own supplier diversity programs. Prime supplier contracts are required to have a WMDVBE utilization plan. As a follow-up to each prime supplier's utilization plan, where goals were not being met, Verizon encouraged prime suppliers to make additional concerted efforts to use more WMDVBE subcontractors, invited them to participate in advocacy conferences and symposiums and to report quarterly as part of our WMDVBE second tier program.

Improve Processes and Procedures: Verizon continued to build and improve on processes and procedures to better measure, monitor, and improve its performance toward California WMDVBE goals.

GO 156, §9.1.1: A description of WMDVBE program activities engaged in during the previous calendar year. External program activities.

EXTERNAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Second Tier Program

Verizon works with prime suppliers to achieve supplier diversity at multi-tiered levels within its value chain. The program requires prime suppliers to report their utilization of WMDVBE subcontractors 30 days after each ending quarter. The purpose of the second tier program is to track prime suppliers subcontracting dollars spent with women, minority, and service disabled veteran suppliers and insure inclusion and utilization of diverse suppliers throughout the Verizon supply chain while optimizing resources. The supplier diversity team frequently conducts training sessions to insure that the prime suppliers successfully enter their spend data into the portal. Verizon continues to partner with key prime suppliers to review requirements and develop a strategy for WMDVBE subcontracting.

Prime Supplier Utilization Plans

During the RFP process, prospective prime suppliers are required to submit a "utilization plan," a plan that includes objectives for subcontracting WMDVBE firms. In awarding contracts, Verizon views a prospective first tier supplier's written commitment to use WMDVBE firms as an important consideration. This written commitment becomes part of the contract. Verizon contractually requires prime suppliers to submit reports tracking adherence to this commitment.

Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Programs

In 2015, Verizon continued to support chambers of commerce, business associations, and other organizations that are dedicated to helping diverse businesses be more efficient and effective in operating by partnering with them to provide the following technical assistance, capacity building, and training programs.

American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICC)

Verizon partnered with the AICC on its **Entrepreneurial Development Program Capacity Building Capacity and Technical Assistance Program** designed to provide American Indian business owners with practical information and training on starting new businesses, capacity building for existing businesses, and providing technical support for all sizes of businesses once they receive procurement opportunities.

<u>Arizona Women's Business Enterprise Council (Arizona WBENC)</u>

Verizon partnered with Arizona WBENC on the **CPUC San Diego Small Business Expo**. The expo brought together over 500 small and diverse businesses and 30 public and private California utilities. The event focuses on assisting small and diverse businesses with technical development and training in

corporate and utility procurement through workshops, panel discussion, and oneon-one strategic business matchmaking.

Asian Business Association of Los Angeles (ABA-LA)

Verizon partnered with the ABA-LA on its **Effective Negotiations Workshop** designed to provide business owners with the tools needed to become effective negotiators by understanding the needs, concerns and motivations of the other party, providing the tools needed to achieve consensus within their companies and enhance their powers of persuasion.

Asian Business Association of Orange County (ABA-OC)

Verizon partnered with the ABA-OC to provide its educational **Business Matchmaking Workshops (BMW)** designed to assist small business owners who want to pursue and receive contract awards with large corporations and government agencies.

Asian Business Association of San Diego (ABA-SD)

Verizon partnered with the ABA-SD on its **GROW - Economic Development Training Program** designed to help companies increase capacity, amplify profitability, and save money and time -- in short, to be smarter and more successful in their businesses.

Black Business Association of Los Angeles (BBA)

Verizon partnered with the BBA on the **eBusiness Technology Academy** designed to educate small and minority-owned businesses on how to incorporate e-marketing, e-procurement and customer relations management tools into their daily business operations.

California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce (CAPCC)

Verizon continued its partnership with the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce in support of the **Business Development and Education Programs** at the 4th Annual California Asian Business Summit.

California Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC)

Verizon partnered with the CBCC on their **Youth Entrepreneurship & Green Business Development Program** to introduce young entrepreneurs to the concept of small business ownership as a viable career choice. This program provides students the opportunity to acquire skills and build vital business and personal networks that will enhance their effectiveness as future business owners.

California DVBE Alliance

Verizon continued its partnership with the DVBE Alliance with the **Keeping the Promise** conference. The conference provides networking, business matchmaking, information sharing and access to government and corporate contracting and supplier diversity professionals.

California Small Business Education Foundation

Verizon partnered with California Small Business Education Foundation on its **Small Business Resource Center.** The Small Business Resource Center provides data and research products that help inform and educate the small business firm as well as serve as a reference for the private, public and consumer on the economic importance of the small business entity.

Elite SDVOB Network

Verizon continued its partnership with the Elite SDVOB Network at the **National Conference.** The three-day workshop was filled with education panels and presentations, networking and matchmaking meetings.

Latin Business Association Institute (LBA-I)

Verizon continued to partner with the LBA-I on its **Supplier Diversity Procurement Bootcamp**. The Bootcamp is a seven week program that offers hands on training on the key elements of what it takes to develop and sustain a high performance business.

National Asian American Coalition

Verizon partnered with the National Asian American Coalition on its **Micro Technical Assistance Program** to help micro-business owners identify and develop their strategic performance through clear analysis of customer and market requirements.

National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-LA)

Verizon partnered with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO-LA) to provide its **PEAK Program** to educate women-business owners in the key areas of success -- strategic planning, process orientation, financial acuity, culture and crisis management and long-term growth.

Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council

Verizon sponsored and participated in **Minority Business Opportunity Day**, an event hosted by the Southern California affiliate to the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), which included a trade fair, networking and matchmaker meetings.

2015 Awards and Recognition

Verizon was recognized with the following awards and recognitions in 2015:

Awards & Recognition – Supplier Diversity

President's Corporate Appreciation: California Black Chamber of Commerce The CBCC President's Corporate Appreciation Award was presented to Verizon for its continued support and commitment to African American owned businesses.

One of America's Most Admired Corporations for Supplier Diversity: Minority Business News U.S.A

MBN USA recognized Verizon among its 2015 Corporate 101: America's Most Admired Corporations for Supplier Diversity for a demonstrated commitment to growing and developing minority-owned enterprises.

Top Company for Supplier Diversity: Black Enterprise

Verizon was recognized as one of Black Enterprise's "Top 30 Companies for Supplier Diversity" for demonstrating best practices for diverse representation within the supply chain.

Top Organization for Multicultural Business Opportunity: DiversityBusiness.com

DiversityBusiness.com ranked Verizon No. 5 on its "Div50" list which places Verizon on the list of America's Top 50 Organizations for Multicultural Business Opportunities for 2015.

One of America's Top Corporations for Women: Women's Business Enterprise National Council

For the 10th consecutive year Verizon was recognized by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council as one of America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises.

Awards & Recognition -- Diversity

A "Top 50 Employer": Workforce Diversity Magazine

Verizon was named a "Top 50 Employer" in Workforce Diversity for Engineering & IT Professionals Magazine. The readers of this magazine selected the top companies for which they would most prefer to work or believe would provide a positive working environment for engineers & IT professionals who are members of minority groups.

Best Companies for Multicultural Women: Working Mother

Verizon has been ranked on the 2015 Working Mother Best Companies for Multicultural Women list -- now ten years in a row. The initiative honors companies that are committed to recruiting, retaining and advancing women of color.

Ranked #1 on Top 50 Employers List: Equal Opportunity Magazine

Verizon has been ranked first on the "Top 50 Employers" list in Equal Opportunity Magazine.

One of America's Top Companies for Executive Women: National Association for Female Executives

Verizon has been named one of the 2015 "NAFE Top Companies for Executive Women" by the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), which honors American corporations that identify and promote successful women.

40 Best Companies for Diversity: Black Enterprise

Verizon was recognized in Black Enterprise's annual 40 Best Companies for Diversity 2015 list, showing strengths in diversity in our employee and board member base.

<u>Awards & Recognition – Workplace Excellence</u>

Best For Vets: Military Times

Verizon's strong record for recruiting and hiring military veterans and service members has earned the company the No. 1 spot on the Military Times Best for Vets: Employers 2015 rankings.

Ranked #1 in VetFriendly Top Ten Employers: Veteran Recruiting's Survey Verizon was named the number one VetFriendly company from Veteran Recruiting's survey. More than 67,000 veterans and military spouses were surveyed and questioned on recruiter responsiveness, vet-friendly messaging on the company Website, among other related topics.

Top Military Spouse-Friendly Employer: Military Spouse magazine

Verizon was recognized as a top military spouse-friendly company for recruitment, hiring practices, retention policies and programs.

Awards & Recognition - Innovation

America's #1 Network, four times in a row: RootMetrics®

RootMetrics ranked Verizon #1 in overall, reliability, speed, data and call network performance in the U.S.

Verizon FiOS: Rated #1 Internet for Business: PC Magazine

Verizon is a proud winner of PC Magazine's first-ever Business Choice Award. The study surveyed small businesses who ranks rated Verizon FiOS as the best Internet Service Provider (ISP), and No. 1 in customer satisfaction, reliability, and technical support.

Board Participation

Verizon managers and executives serve on several organizational boards as officers and advisors. They offer advice and counsel to small businesses on how to grow their business in addition to assisting suppliers on how to meet Verizon's business needs.

<u>Business Organization Involvement - Meetings, Conferences, Trade Fairs and</u> Recognition Events

Verizon managers and executives serve on several organizational boards as officers and advisors. They offer advice and counsel to diverse and small businesses on how to grow their business in addition to assisting suppliers on how to meet Verizon's business needs.

California Joint Utilities Committee (CJUC)

Verizon participated on the California Joint Utilities Committee, working with the joint utilities on common regulatory issues relative to GO 156, the Supplier Clearinghouse and other regulatory matters.

California Utilities Diversity Council (CUDC)

In 2015, as a member of the CUDC, Verizon shared diversity best practices in the areas of governance, supplier diversity, employment, philanthropy, and customer service.

CPUC Small Business Expos, Procurement Sessions and Workshops

In 2015, Verizon participated in Small Business Expos throughout the state of California to promote small business development. Verizon procurement and supplier diversity managers participated in panel presentations, one-on-one business matchmaking, and networking sessions with diverse businesses. These business opportunities provided small and minority business enterprises the ability to explore potential supplier/buyer contracts, the opportunity to learn of contracting opportunities firsthand and ensure the best return on time invested.

External Communication

Verizon continues to meet and communicate with key prime suppliers to review requirements for WMDVBE subcontracting. Verizon responded to daily requests for information from prospective WMDVBE suppliers. Staff maintained daily outreach efforts to incumbent WMDVBE suppliers, directly meeting with many and answering requests for information.

GO 156 §9.1.2: A summary of WMDVBE purchases and/or contracts, with breakdowns by ethnicity, product and service categories, compared with total utility contract dollars, awarded to outside vendors in those categories is attached as: *EXHIBIT A.*

Summary of Purchases:

WMDVBE Annual Results by Ethnicity - Verizon Wireless

WIVID VBE Annual Results by Ethnicity - Verizon Wireless												
	_		2015 GO156									
LINE NO.			ı	DIRECT		SUB		TOTAL (\$)	TOTAL (%)			
1	MINORITY MEN	ASIAN PACIFIC M	\$31	13,433,608	\$	340,362		313,773,970	14.97%			
2		BLACK M	\$	229,034	\$	-	\$	229,034	0.01%			
3		HISPANIC M	\$	3,820,046	\$2	,401,836	\$	6,221,882	0.30%			
4		NATIVE AMERICAN M	\$	1,690,579	\$	-	\$	1,690,579	0.08%			
5		TOTAL MINORITY MEN	\$31	19,173,267	\$2	,742,198	\$	321,915,465	15.35%			
6	MINORITY WOMEN	ASIAN PACIFIC W	\$	3,510,000	\$	-	\$	3,510,000	0.17%			
7		BLACK W	\$	3,011,317	\$	-	\$	3,011,317	0.14%			
8		HISPANIC W	\$	2,552,211	\$	-	\$	2,552,211	0.12%			
9		NATIVE AMERICAN W	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.00%			
11		TOTAL MINORITY WOMEN	\$	9,073,528	\$	-	\$	9,073,528	0.43%			
12	TOTAL MIN	ORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE	\$32	28,246,794	\$2	2,742,198	\$	330,988,992	15.79%			
13	WOMEN BU	JSINESS ENTERPRISE (WBE)	\$ 6	57,178,813	\$6	,691,276	\$	73,870,089	3.52%			
14	SUBTOTAL WOMEN, MINORITY BUSINE			95,425,607	\$9	,433,474	\$	404,859,081	19.31%			
15	SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS			\$ 17,100 \$ -		-	\$	17,100	0.00%			
16	TOTAL WMDVBE			\$395,442,708 \$9,433,474			\$ 404,876,182		19.31%			
17	TOTAL PRO	DUCT/SERVICE	<u> </u>				\$2	2,096,493,922				

GO 156 §9.1.3: An itemization of WMDVBE program expenses.

Expense Category	2015 Actuals
Wages	\$180,000
Other Employee Expense	\$0
CPUC Clearinghouse	\$55,282
Program Expense	\$10,000
Technical Assistance	\$205,000
Total	\$450,282

The Verizon supplier diversity team also receives external affairs, regulatory, legal and other support that is not quantified in the table above.

GO 156, § 9.1.4: A description of progress in meeting or exceeding set goals and an explanation of any circumstances that may have caused the utility to fall short of its goals

In 2015, Verizon Wireless spent 19.3% of its procurement dollars with women, minority and disabled veteran owned business enterprises (WMDVBEs).

Women Business Enterprises (WBE)

WBE purchases accounted for \$74 million of total purchases.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE)

MBE purchases accounted for nearly \$331 million spend in 2015. The team focused on large and small RFPs on a multi-tier basis across the various services that had Verizon California spend impact. Some of these services included IT and network technology and professional and construction services. The team worked directly with Sourcing CSEs and cross-functional business teams to ensure that MBE suppliers were considered for opportunities. We increased our efforts to provide key opportunities and to focus on increasing spend with MBE suppliers in historically underutilized product service areas. Verizon continued its support of small and minority businesses by sponsoring technical assistance workshops, small business educational scholarships, business development workshops and other projects to increase the skill and knowledge of the growing small business segment in California. Through these efforts Verizon was able to identify potential suppliers in areas with low utilization.

<u>Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE)</u>

Verizon intensified its focus to identify and introduce veteran-owned businesses through our Premier Supplier Academy sessions on how to do business with our prime suppliers to increase tier 1 and tier 2 opportunities in the construction services area.

The supplier diversity team worked closely within the Sourcing and Network Services teams to identify opportunities for DVBEs to be included in Verizon's business proposals for various contracts. Verizon also worked closely with numerous prime suppliers to include DVBEs for subcontracting opportunities.

GO 156, § 9.1.5: A summary of prime contractor utilization of WMDVBE subcontractors.

In 2015, Verizon Wireless focused on Second Tier Spend which provided a direct means to increase contracting opportunities for WMDVBEs through prime supplier engagement, ensuring continued participation by diverse suppliers in the supply chain. In addition, we worked with various state and nationally recognized organizations whose mission is to link women, minority, and disabled veteran owned firms to corporate business opportunities. We identified and worked with several Verizon prime suppliers who we view as essential to our company's operations to utilize WMDVBE firms.

Prime suppliers submitted second tier spend with WMDVBE suppliers in the following categories:

	Verizon V	/ireless		2015 Annual Report G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.5							
A SU	MMARY OF PE	RIME CONTRACT	OR UTILIZATI	TION OF WMDVBE SUBCONTRACTORS							
	Minority Male	Minority Female	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	Women & Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE)	Service Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)	TOTAL WMDVBE				
Direct \$	\$319,173,267	\$9,073,528	\$328,246,794	\$67,178,813	\$395,425,607	\$17,100	\$395,442,707				
Subcontracting \$	\$2,742,198	\$0	\$2,742,198	\$6,691,276	\$9,433,474	\$0	\$9,433,474				
Total	\$321,915,465	\$9,073,528	\$330,988,992	\$73,870,089	\$404,859,081	\$17,100	\$404,876,181				
Direct %	15.2%	0.4%	15.7%	3.2%	18.9%	0.0%	18.9%				
Subcontracting %	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%				
Total %	15.4%	0.4%	15.8%	3.5%	19.3%	0.0%	19.3%				
Net Procurement		\$2,096,493,922									

GO 156, § 9.1.6: A list of WMDVBE complaints received during the past year, accompanied by a brief description of the nature of each complaint and its resolution or current status.

Verizon Wireless is proactive in resolving issues that arise as a result of direct or subcontracting relationships. There were no formal complaints in 2015.

GO 156, § 9.1.7: A summary of purchases and/or contracts for products and services in excluded categories.

Verizon Wireless did not exclude any product/service category from its purchase base. Only exclusions specifically stated in General Order 156, Section 8 such as payments to other utilities, government fees and taxes and Verizon affiliates are excluded.

GO 156, § 9.1.8: A description of any efforts made to recruit WMDVBE suppliers of products or services in procurement categories where WMDVBE utilization has been low, such as legal and financial services, fuel procurement, and areas that are considered highly technical in nature.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Verizon's treasury organization partners with several minority-owned banks and financial firms in areas such as bond underwriting, equity brokerage, stock repurchases, commercial paper placement, short term cash investments in money markets and certificates of deposit, and asset recovery.

In 2015, Verizon worked with a number of underwriting firms. The firms included 5 minority- and women-owned firms as well as one firm owned and operated by service-disabled veterans.

LEGAL SERVICES

Verizon has committed itself to the Commission's efforts to increase supplier diversity within the legal profession. Verizon's legal diversity commitments and efforts include:

The Association of Corporate Counsel's Call To Action

Verizon continues its corporate-wide efforts in support of this commitment to diversity in the law profession undertaken several years ago. The specific initiatives discussed in Verizon's 2006 General Order 156 Supplier Diversity Report (2006 Report) are ongoing.

Annual and Quarterly Diversity Reporting Requirements

As described more fully in the section discussion, outside counsel are required to provide an annual diversity report to the Verizon Legal department, which reaffirms Verizon's continued interest and focus on this topic.

Verizon's Legal Billing Guidelines

Outside counsel performing work for Verizon in the United States must provide an annual diversity report to the Verizon Legal department. We view the annual diversity report as critical in our efforts to continue fostering diversity and equal opportunity at both Verizon and among our key law firms.

The report must include:

1. Demographic Profile: The number of partner and associate attorneys in the U.S., by gender and by the following demographic groups: White/Caucasian, African-American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

- 2. Recruitment, Hiring, Retention and Promotion: Actions taken by the firm to recruit, hire, retain, and promote diverse attorneys, and to recruit and hire diverse summer associates, including identification of the number and percentage of offers extended to diverse summer associates and lateral hires, and the number of acceptances.
- 3. Mentoring & Training/Career Development: Formal programs and other actions taken by the firm to mentor, sponsor, train, and develop diverse attorney talent, and the percentage of attorneys in such programs that are diverse. Actions taken to create opportunities for diverse attorneys to work on challenging matters, and to work with key clients, including Verizon.
- 4. Leadership Positions: Diverse attorneys in key leadership roles in the firm, whether as heads of practice groups or key committees.
- 5. Pipeline Initiatives: Efforts to increase the pipeline of diverse individuals into the legal profession through internship programs, community involvement, or support of organizations dedicated to placing female and minority individuals in law school, as well as efforts to create and foster educational opportunities in underserved areas.

We also strongly encourage our firms to participate in the Vault/MCCA Law Firm Diversity Survey, where these areas are fully addressed.

Attorney Diversity Committee

Verizon formed the Attorney Diversity Committee early in 2007, including senior representatives from throughout Verizon's legal department. The Committee's mission was described in the 2007 report.

GO 156, §9.1.9: Utilities shall retain all documents and data they rely on in preparing their WMDVBE annual report for the longer of either three years or in conformance with the utilities' individual document retention policies, and shall provide these documents and data to the Commission upon request.

Verizon Wireless will comply with the requirements specified in GO156.

GO 156, §9.1.10a Each utility which elects to report fuel procurement separately must file with the Executive Director by March 1 of each year, beginning in 1991, a separate detailed and verifiable report on WMDVBE participation in fuel markets.

This section does not apply to Verizon.

GO 156, §9.1.10b: Utilities shall summarize WMDVBE purchases and/or contracts in product and service categories that include renewable and nonrenewable energy, wireless communications, broadband, smart grid, and rail projects, in addition to their current reporting categories. Utilities have discretion to segregate overlapped dollars.

The WBE, MBE, and DVBE summary of purchases in the product and service categories indicated above are depicted in Verizon's Exhibit A.

Section 10 of GO 156 requires utilities to discuss their plans to increase spend in supplier diversity for the next reporting year. Verizon Wireless' plan is as follows:

GO 156, §10.1.1: Short, mid and long terms goals by product and service category. *EXHIBIT B.*

Exhibit B shows Verizon Wireless on track to meet the short, mid and long-term GO 156 goals as required by Section 8.

GO 156, §10.1.2: A description of WMDVBE program activities planned for the next calendar year (internal program activities).

PLANNED WMDVBE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Verizon Wireless will continue to make concerted efforts to strengthen its supplier diversity results:

Internal Program Activities

Verizon Wireless will continue to implement its California supplier diversity program with an emphasis on objectives for all key products/services and continuous improvement across all business units. Verizon Wireless will also take additional steps to reach its goals, including:

In reach and Awareness

- Analyze, develop and implement strategic plan to increase commitments to existing diverse suppliers and to provide opportunities for suppliers in low utilization areas.
- Develop and retain a pool of qualified certified suppliers to meet business needs of Verizon Wireless.
- Increase participation on cross functional teams for RFPs and contracts to drive inclusion of diverse suppliers in support of sourcing, commercial and federal sales teams.
- Actively include qualified diverse suppliers as subcontractors/2nd tier vendors in Verizon Wireless' procurement opportunities.
- Analyze and increase utilization on non-traditional services such as legal, financial and investment management areas.
- Continue to strategically partner and collaborate with internal business units and suppliers to develop and implement strategies to increase diverse spend.
- Assess direct and indirect procurement opportunities and identify crucial RFPs with an impact on Verizon Wireless and proactively work with the cross-functional teams to emphasize key strategies.
- Partner with Sourcing and strategic prime suppliers to ensure multi-tier diversity inclusion.
- Continue to work with internal customer groups outside of the sourcing process whose functions impact use of key California suppliers. Ensure WMDVBEs are included in the competitive process for contract opportunities.

- Communicate Verizon Wireless' short and long term supplier diversity related strategic directions to key internal stakeholders.
- Continue to educate, increase awareness and work closely with prime suppliers to ensure they meet their utilization requirements.
- Consistently monitor, review and analyze reports to track progress to ensure diversity initiatives are being executed.
- Conduct ongoing quantitative analysis of overall supplier diversity performance by internal business units.
- Continue to collaborate with minority and non-minority advocacy organizations and prime contractors to support doing business with and encourage economic development of minority, women-owned and disabled veteran suppliers and contractors.
- Support and mentor suppliers by nurturing their successes, providing favorable feedback, and suggest partnerships with organizations that are working to improve their opportunities.
- Encourage prime suppliers to diversify their own base of minority-owned suppliers and subcontractors, and develop relationships that would be mutually beneficial.

GO 156, §10.1.2: A description of WMDVBE program activities planned for the next calendar year (external program activities).

External Program Activities

Verizon Wireless will continue to develop its supplier diversity program, with an emphasis on outreach to supplier community, employee training, prime supplier awareness training, and web-based tools to allow effective supplier access, and the development of best practices within our industry. Verizon Wireless will also closely monitor opportunities to increase spending results, to promote supplier diversity and to meet its goals, including:

Outreach and Advocacy

- Provide guidance and training to Prime Suppliers on Tier Two Spend reporting.
- Partner with various Chambers of Commerce and business associations to conduct one-on-one meetings between WMDVBEs and Verizon Sourcing Process Leaders to discuss both current opportunities in California and general Verizon requirements for the applicable product or service.
- Lead, secure and maintain partnerships with prime suppliers to host Premier Supplier Academy informational and opportunity seminars.
- Host Verizon Premier Supplier Academy and Diversity Fairs with focus on the strategic procurement opportunities with greatest underutilization.
- Continue outreach to WMDVBE's participating in Verizon's Premier Supplier Academy program to increase knowledge and competition among these suppliers.
- Develop existing WMDVBEs for 2nd tier strategic opportunities.
- Encourage diverse suppliers to achieve and maintain certifications and to enter and update their profiles on our website registration database.
- Participate in local, regional and national supplier diversity events which include: conferences, forums, symposiums, trade fairs, workshops and panels.
- Continue to actively partner with the CPUC, Joint Utilities, Elite Service Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses (SDVOB), DVBE Alliance and various chamber organizations to build awareness of Verizon Wireless' procurement requirements.
- Monitor results and work closely with prime suppliers to ensure that they meet their 2nd tier utilization requirements and review and expand areas of opportunity for diverse spend.

- Continue to invest in and partner with California minority business associations to provide their members with technical assistance programs.
- Maintain active membership in supplier diversity organizations and various associations.
- Support efforts of chambers, associations and advocacy organizations that support supplier development.
- Highlight program success and communicate areas of opportunities to diverse supplier community.
- Identify existing suppliers that have not obtained Third Party certification and encourage certification.

GO 156, §10.1.3: Plans for recruiting WMDVBE suppliers of products or services where WMDVBE utilization has been low, such as legal and financial services, fuel procurement, and areas that are considered highly technical in nature.

- Verizon Wireless will continue to participate in relevant forums throughout the state in order to identify diverse suppliers in these areas.
- Verizon Wireless will continue to benchmark with other utilities to identify diverse suppliers in low utilization areas.
- Verizon Wireless will continue to work with prime suppliers in such areas as logistics, technology and marketing services to encourage the use of WMDVBEs.
- Verizon Wireless will work within the industry to continue to develop best practices for developing sustainable supplier diversity growth.
- Verizon Wireless will utilize the numerous diverse databases for sourcing.
- Verizon Wireless will continue to focus on recruiting, identifying and positioning DVBE suppliers for key RFP opportunities.

GO 156, §10.1.4: Plans for seeking and/or recruiting WMDVBE suppliers of products or services in any "excluded category" of products or services which has been removed from the procurement dollar base used to set goals because of the established unavailability of WMDVBE suppliers.

The CPUC issued Decision 05-11-024 on November 13, 2005 in which it eliminated the use of exclusions in reporting diversity procurement results. Verizon Wireless has not used exclusions in providing this report.

GO 156, §10.1.5: Plans for encouraging both prime contractors and grantees to engage WMDVBE in subcontracts in all categories that provide subcontracting opportunities.

Guidelines for utilization of WMDVBE subcontractors by non-WMDVBE First Tier suppliers are included in each RFP. As part of their response to Verizon RFPs, prime suppliers are required to include their WMDVBE utilization plan. In addition, Verizon contracts include a diverse spend target. The plan requires a list of specific WMDVBEs to be utilized as well as projected dollars or percentage of work they will receive. Audits are periodically conducted to assure contract compliance. Prime suppliers are required to report their WMDVBE subcontracting activity to Verizon on a quarterly basis. The strategic sourcing and supplier diversity organizations are responsible for tracking this information.

GO 156, §10.1.6: Plans for complying with WMDVBE program guidelines.

Verizon Wireless will comply with the General Order 156 program guidelines.

Verizon Wireless Section 9.1.2-Exhibit A

Product/Service Detail

Period Reporting: January 2015 thru December 2015 Not Identified by Ethnic African American Asian-Pacific Native American Hispanic Men Women MBE WBE DVBE MWDVBE Total Company Total Minority Male Total Minority Female Total Minority Business (MBE) Non-Minority Non-M/W/DV BE SIC Category Minority, Women, & DVE Business (WBE) Disabled Veteran 2015 Total Company Дo Procurement Product/ Service Description Male Female Male Female Male Female Male Female Male Female 27 Printing, Publishing 20.251.724 20.251.724 31.156.231 51.407.956 and Allied Industries 0.00 0.009 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.00 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.00% 39 39% 60.619 100.009 3,633,787 412,217,035 440,417,074 73 Business 4,770 3,011,317 480,428 575,000 19,251 47,470 504,449 4,138,236 24,044,703 17,100 28,200,039 0.00% Services 0.009 0.68% 0.119 0.13% 0.00% 0.00 0.019 .00% 0.00% 0.119 0.83% 0.94% 5.46% 6.40 93,60% 100.00% 55 Automotive Dealers 207,859 207,859 0.009 100.009 and Gas Service Stations 0.009 0.009 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.00 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.00 100.009 35 Industrial, Commercial Machinery 1,852,576 1,852,576 1,852,576 2,400,589 4,253,165 96,405,494 100,658,659 and Computer Equipment 0.009 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 1.84 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 1.849 0.00% 1.84% 2.38% 4.23 95.779 100.009 307,194,319 48 Communications 307,096,756 97,563 307,194,319 771,716 307,966,035 314,010,931 621,976,966 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.00 49.37 0.029 0.00% 49.399 0.12% 50.499 100.00 59 Misc Retail 42,200 42,200 1,529,643 42,200 20,775 62,975 1,466,668 0.00% 0.009 2.769 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 2,76% 0.00% 2.76% 1.36% 4.129 95.889 100.00% 3.225.324 3,225,324 1.444.306 4.669.630 16 Heavy Construction other than Building Const Contractors 0.00 0.00% 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.009 69.07% 0.00% 69.07 30.939 100.009 935,296 2,844,347 17 Construction Special Trade 27,570 27,570 27,570 907,726 3,779,643 Contractors 0.739 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.739 0.00% 0.739 24.02% 0.00% 24.75 75.25% 100.00% 65 Real Estate 4,847,165 ,690,579 0 3,138,192 805,969 9,675,937 805.969 10,481,905 12,234,486 22,716,392 393,263,660 415,980,051 0.009 0.00% 1.179 0.00% 0.41% 0.00% 0.75 0.19% 0.00% 0.00% 0.19% 2.529 2.94% 0.00% 5.46 94.54% 100.00% 2.33 15 Building Construction General 495,240 495,240 495.240 889.866 1.385.106 -1.385.106 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.00% .00% 0.00% 0.00% Contractors and Operative Builders 0.009 0.009 0.009 0.00 0.00% 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.009 454,180,243 1,307,421 4,633,772 6,756,946 15,880,126 438,300,117 36 Electronic Components except 196,694 2,935,000 619,060 1,698,772 2,123,174 9,123,180 for Computer Equipment 0.049 0.00% 0.299 0.659 0.00% 0.00% 0.149 0.37% .00% 0.00% 0.479 1.02% 1.49% 2.01% 3,509 96,50% 100.00% 47 Transportation Services 0.009 0.00 0.009 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.009 .00% 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, 362 and Other Lodging 0.00% 0.00% 0.00 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.009 0.00% 100.00% 1,685,836 1,685,836 81 Legal Services 0.00% 0.00% .00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 100.009 100.009 0.00 0.00 0.009 0.009 0.00 0.00 0.00% 0.009 229.034 313,773,970 3,510,000 1,690,579 0 6,221,882 2.552.21 321.915.465 9.073.528 330.988.992 73,870,089 17,100 404.876.182 2,096,493,922 Total \$ 3.011.317 1,691,617,378 0.14% 14.97 0.00% 15.79% 100.00%

Exhibit B - Verizon Wireless	2015	G.O. #156 Sec. 10.1.1
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WMBE ANNUAL SHORT, MID & LONG TERM GOALS BY PRODUCT AND SERVICE CATEGORY

			Short-Te	rm (2016)			Mid-Ter	m (2018)		Long-Term (2020)			
		Mine	ority	Women Business	Women, Minority Business	Minority		Women Business	Women, Minority Business	Minority		Women Business	Women, Minority Business
PRODUCTS		Men	Women	Enterprise (WBE)	Enterprise (WMBE)	Men	Women	Enterprise (WBE)	Enterprise (WMBE)	Men	Women	Enterprise (WBE)	Enterprise (WMBE)
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	%	0.0%	0.0%	40.2%	40.2%	0.0%	0.0%	41.0%	41.0%	0.0%	0.0%	41.8%	41.8%
Business Services	%	0.1%	0.8%	5.6%	6.5%	0.1%	0.9%	5.7%	6.7%	0.1%	0.9%	5.8%	6.8%
Automotive Dealers and Gas Service Stations	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Industrial, Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	%	1.9%	0.0%	2.4%	4.3%	1.9%	0.0%	2.5%	4.4%	2.0%	0.0%	2.5%	4.5%
Communications	%	50.4%	0.0%	0.1%	50.5%	51.4%	0.0%	0.1%	51.5%	52.4%	0.0%	0.1%	52.5%
Misc Retail	%	2.8%	0.0%	1.4%	4.2%	2.9%	0.0%	1.4%	4.3%	2.9%	0.0%	1.4%	4.4%
Heavy Construction other than Building Const Contractors	%	0.0%	0.0%	70.5%	70.5%	0.0%	0.0%	71.9%	71.9%	0.0%	0.0%	73.3%	73.3%
Construction Special Trade Contractors	%	0.7%	0.0%	24.5%	25.2%	0.8%	0.0%	25.0%	25.7%	0.8%	0.0%	25.5%	26.3%
Real Estate	%	2.4%	0.2%	3.0%	5.6%	2.4%	0.2%	3.1%	5.7%	2.5%	0.2%	3.1%	5.8%
Building Construction General Contractors and Operative Builder	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Electronic Components except for Computer Equipment	%	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%	3.6%	0.5%	1.1%	2.1%	3.6%	0.5%	1.1%	2.1%	3.7%
Transportation Services	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Legal Services	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL		15.7%	0.4%	3.6%	19.7%	16.0%	0.5%	3.7%	20.1%	16.3%	0.5%	3.7%	20.5%