



Valley Clean Energy Alliance

Supplier Diversity 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Annual Plan

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2021 Annual Report

Launched in June 2018, Valley Clean Energy – or VCE – is the official electricity provider for customers in the cities of Woodland, Winters, and Davis, and unincorporated Yolo County. VCE is a Joint Powers Authority providing a state-authorized Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. The vision of VCE is to enable the participating jurisdictions to determine the sources, modes of production, and costs of the electricity they procure for the residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial users in their areas.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 156 (GO 156) emphasizes preferential purchasing for Women, Minority, Disabled Veteran, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Business Enterprises (WMDVLGBTBE). Senate Bill 255 of 2019 requires specified CCAs to adopt a plan to increase procurement from small, local, and diverse businesses, and to report to the CPUC on its procurement from these sources.

However, in compliance with Proposition 209, CCAs as local government entities do not explicitly give preferential treatment to bidders based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. To comply with Proposition 209, CCAs may collect this information only after contracts are signed, and responses are kept separate from procurement decision makers, so that this information does not influence any current or future solicitation or selection process. Proposition 209 limits CCAs as public agencies from engaging in several of the activities associated with supplier diversity under GO 156, but there is still much CCAs can do to support small, local, and diverse businesses within their service areas.

Continuing our work in inclusivity, diversity, and equity, VCE is proud to announce that it's now a women-led organization with a female Chair of the Board of Directors (2022), formerly Vice Chair in 2021. Female leadership is not only present within VCE's Board but also in the Community Action Committee, with women serving in positions of Vice Chair and Chair.

This report describes VCE's other work in support of the Legislature's objectives in Senate Bill 255.

9.1.1 Description of WMDVLGBTBE Activities in 2021

Member City and County Policies

This report focuses on the policies and actions of VCE. However, the member cities and counties of VCE also have their own policies, resolutions and plans governing discrimination, human rights, and employment practices.

SMUD Initiatives and Policies

VCE and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) share a core mission: to deliver cost-competitive clean electricity that centers around affordability, local development, community health, and local resiliency. VCE has contracted with SMUD to deliver high quality services and personnel support during VCE's launch and early operations. The services SMUD provides include, among others, administrative services, staffing, and wholesale power procurement. The dependence upon support from SMUD employees includes the incorporation of SMUD best practices for procurement, recruitment, and diversity, including SMUD's Sustainable Communities initiative, and its supplier diversity initiative, the Supplier Education & Economic Development (SEED) program. SMUD's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) works to incorporate concepts of DE&I into everything they do, cultivating diversity and creating a culture based on trust.

Board of Directors and CAC

VCE has fostered diversity, equity, and inclusion in our leadership, within both the Board of Directors and the Community Action Committee (CAC). In January 2022, VCE became a woman-led organization with the election of a female Chair of the Board of Directors. Women currently make up twenty-five percent of the Board.

The CAC has had a history of woman leadership. In 2021, females held the positions of both Chair and Vice Chair. Women make up over fifty percent of the CAC.

2020 Strategic Plan

As a customer and community focused organization, VCE adopted a three-year strategic plan in November 2020. The plan seeks to bring customer value to all segments of the communities served – including those that have been historically underserved/under resourced.¹ To accomplish this goal, VCE's objectives include:

¹ Valley Clean Energy Strategic Plan, p. 3 (October 8, 2020). Available at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-13-Ratify-Strategic-Plan-11-12-20.pdf>.

- Developing engagement strategies to increase awareness of, and participation in, local control of VCE’s energy supply and programs with a particular focus on engaging disadvantaged and historically marginalized communities;
- Designing and implementing a strategy to engage local business and agricultural customers;
- Integrating and addressing the concerns and priorities of emerging and historically marginalized communities in the design and implementation of VCE’s services and programs; and
- Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, in leadership, hiring, promotion, and contracting policies.²

Environmental Justice Policy Statement and Legislative Platform

Recognizing that environmental justice issues are deeply ingrained in society, the VCE Board of Directors adopted an Environmental Justice Statement on November 12, 2020. The statement includes actions that VCE can take to address inequities and environmental justice issues within the energy sector. Actions include addressing the priorities and concerns of disadvantaged communities in the design and implementation of VCE’s services and programs, targeting outreach campaigns to involve disadvantaged communities in VCE workshops and meetings of the Board of Directors and the CAC, and further integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion in our internal hiring, promotion, leadership and contracting policies.

In addition, the 2021 VCE legislative platform included the following guidance for legislative activities:

Environmental Justice:

- a. Engage in legislation that directly or indirectly impacts the ability of underserved communities in the VCE service territory to have affordable, reliable, and clean energy.
- b. Support legislation that strengthens the resilience of vulnerable communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- c. Support legislation that enables all communities in California, including emerging and historically marginalized communities, and individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, age, disability or socioeconomic status, to participate in the transition to a zero-carbon electrical grid in a cost-effective manner.

² *Id.*, Strategic Goals 3.1, 3.3, 3.7, and 6.5.

d. Support efforts to enable all communities in California, including emerging and historically marginalized communities, and individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, age, disability, or socioeconomic status, to participate in the decarbonization of the state's building stock and the transportation sector.

Hiring Practices

VCE is an equal opportunity employer that strives for diversity in its hiring practices, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 209. Specific to each field, VCE works to promote job vacancies within professional minority organizations. For example, while recruiting for a Director of Finance position, VCE listed the job notice with the National Association of Black Accountants, Association of Latino Professionals for America, and Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance.

2021 Renewable Power Purchase Agreements

VCE is committed to ensuring its energy projects contribute to the local economy and local workforce, consistent with our strategic goals. Last year VCE initiated two solar + storage projects. In the larger project the seller is obligated to contribute a total of \$200,000 over the first 10 years of the project to a VCE-administered Workforce Development Fund³ with the goal of increasing the creation and engagement of a skilled and trained workforce. In that period the seller is also required to contribute \$100,000 into a Local Sustainability Fund.⁴ The seller in the smaller project is obligated to contribute a total of \$200,000 in the first 10 years to a Workforce Development and Local Sustainability Fund.⁵

As these funds become available over the next several years, VCE will be developing expenditure guidelines to ensure funds are put toward efforts that align with the goals/objectives of VCE's 2020 Strategic Plan.

In a smaller project signed late in 2021 the seller is required to conduct outreach with qualified local contractors to ensure that local firms have a fair opportunity to compete for project construction contracts. In addition, VCE has agreed to contribute \$10,000 to a clean energy or

³ Renewable Power Purchase Agreement between Resurgence Solar I, LLC and Valley Clean Energy Alliance, Section 13.4, p. 61 (January 21, 2021). Available at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/1.-Resurgence-VCE-Executed-PPA-PUBLIC.pdf>.

⁴ *Id.*, Section 13.5, p. 62.

⁵ Renewable Power Purchase Agreement between Willow Springs Solar 3, LLC and Valley Clean Energy Alliance, Section 13.4, p. 61 (approved October 14, 2021). Available at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Reso-2021-020-Approval-of-Willow-Springs-Solar-3-PPA-PUBLIC.pdf>.

battery storage workforce training program, or science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) educational program, located within twenty (20) miles of the project.⁶

100% Carbon Free Portfolio Study

As part of its 2020 Strategic Plan, VCE initiated an effort to study options for achieving a 100% carbon-free resource portfolio (hour by hour) by 2030. VCE staff worked with the CAC to develop a request for proposals for consulting services to study this goal. The RFP was released in April 2021, bids were received in May 2021, and VCE staff evaluated bids in June-July 2021 based on bidders' (1) experience and qualifications, (2) compliance with VCE's sample contract, and (3) price. On July 8, 2021, the Board of Directors authorized VCE's Interim General Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with Energeia USA for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to complete 100% carbon free portfolio study.⁷

As previously stated, Proposition 209 prohibits CCAs from giving preferential treatment to bidders based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. Following contract execution and in preparation of this 2021 Supplier Diversity Report, VCE determined that Energeia USA is a certified WBE under the CPUC's clearinghouse program. Energeia USA's certification as an WBE did not influence VCE staff during the selection process, nor the Board of Directors' authorization of the consulting services agreement.

⁶ Resource Adequacy Agreement between VESI 10 LLC and Valley Clean Energy Alliance, Section 17.6, pp. 40-41 (September 11, 2020). Available at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Reso-2020-027-Approval-of-VESI-10-LLC-RAA-REDACTED.pdf>.

⁷ Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors Meeting, Staff Report – Item 14: Services agreement with Energeia USA to study and present options for achieving a 100% carbon neutral resource portfolio by 2030 (July 8, 2021). Available at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-14-Energeia-Agreement-7-8-21-1.pdf>.

9.1.2 Summary of Purchases

This section summarizes the annual results by ethnicity, direct procurement and subcontractor procurement by product and service categories, and by standard industrial classification (SIC) categories, the total number of WMDVLGBTBE suppliers and revenues, and number of WMDVLGBTBEs that have a majority workforce in California. As noted in the previous section, VCE's WMDVLGBTBE procurement is limited to the 100% carbon free portfolio study performed by Energeia USA.

VCE is committed to purchasing from local and small businesses where possible in its geographical area. However, the majority of VCE's procurement is wholesale energy contracts, and local and small business power procurement opportunities are necessarily limited. As explained by the utilities in previous reports, the wholesale electric marketplace is comprised of large, long-term assets primarily owned and operated by large corporations and financial institutions. The generating resources that provide electricity to California customers are capital intensive to construct and operate, thus there are limited opportunities for small to medium-sized businesses to enter the market as primary developers, owners, or operators. Thus, the vast majority of counterparties in this sector do not meet the GO 156 criteria. For example, PG&E reported spending of 0.1% of its total power procurement with power providers meeting the GO 156 criteria.⁸

In addition, GO 156 tracks load-serving entities' physical power procurement in the form of (1) renewable and non-renewable physical power, and (2) fuels procured for generation (typically diesel or natural gas). VCE's physical power needs that are not met through its long-term contracts for renewable generation are filled through short-term hedges to minimize exposure to price volatility. GO 156 reporting explicitly excludes purchases from the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) in the report. VCE does not contract with fossil-fired generators for electricity, nor does VCE contract for any fuels for non-generation (i.e., natural gas). Because VCE does not procure diesel or natural gas to generate electricity, VCE has no ability to engage in transactions with WMDVLGBTBEs for fuels.

As noted, as a local government entity, VCE is legally prohibited under the California Constitution (Prop 209) from granting preferential treatment to diverse businesses in the contracting process. The CPUC's Supplier Clearinghouse which serves the private sector entities does not support public agency local small business or micro business initiatives. The California Department of General Services (DGS) Small Business, Micro Business and Disabled Veterans databases are designed for use by public agencies consistent with Proposition 209.

SMUD operates the Supplier Education and Economic Development (SEED) program to encourage supplier diversity in non-energy procurement. The subcontractor providing billing and data management to VCE is a SEED vendor. To be designated a SEED vendor, the supplier must be certified with the DGS Office of Small Business and DVBE Services as a "Small Business"

⁸ https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/purchasing-program/suppliers/supply-chain-responsibility/2019-Annual-Report.pdf, p.40.

or “Micro Business.” In addition, the vendor must qualify as a SMUD ratepayer for the preceding 6 months prior to the bid or proposal due date. SEED vendors are given a 5% bid price advantage, an evaluation point advantage, and access to sheltered market solicitations only released to SEED vendors. The program includes outreach to local small businesses through multiple events and workshops each year.

WMDVLGBTBE Annual Results by Ethnicity

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)		2021 Report		G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.2		
WMDVLGBTBE Annual Results by Ethnicity						
		2021 Report				
		Direct	Sub	Total \$	%	
1	Minority Male	Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
2		African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
3		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
4		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
5		Total Minority Male	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
6	Minority Female	Asian Pacific American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
7		African American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
8		Hispanic American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
9		Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
10		Total Minority Female	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
11	Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
12	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)		\$57,260	\$0	\$57,260	0.10%
13	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
14	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
15	Other 8(a)*		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
16	TOTAL WMDVLGBTBE		\$57,260	\$0	\$57,260	0.10%
17	Net Procurement**		\$56,010,313			

NOTE: * FIRMS CLASSIFIED AS 8(a) OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION INCLUDES NON-WMDVLGBTBE
 ** NET PROCUREMENT INCLUDES PURCHASE ORDER, NON-PURCHASE ORDER, AND CREDIT CARD DOLLARS
 Direct - DIRECT PROCUREMENT
 Sub - SUBCONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT
 % - PERCENTAGE OF NET PROCUREMENT

WMDVLGBTBE Direct Procurement by Product and Service Categories

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)	2021 Report	G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.2
WMDVLGBTBE Direct Procurement by Product and Service Categories		

				Products		Services		Total	
				\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
1	Minority Male	Asian Pacific American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
2		African American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
3		Hispanic American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
4		Native American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
5		Total Minority Male	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
6	Minority Female	Asian Pacific American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
7		African American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
8		Hispanic American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
9		Native American	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
10		Total Minority Female	Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
11	Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
12	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$57,260	0.10%	\$57,260	0.10%
13	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
14	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
15	Other 8(a)*		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
16	TOTAL WMDVLGBTBE		Direct	\$0	0.0%	\$57,260	0.10%	\$57,260	0.10%
17	Total Product Procurement	\$52,801,706							
18	Total Service Procurement	\$3,208,607							
19	Net Procurement**	\$56,010,313							
20	Total Number of WMDVLGBTBEs that Received Direct Spend	1							

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 ** NET PROCUREMENT INCLUDES PURCHASE ORDER, NON-PURCHASE ORDER, AND CREDIT CARD DOLLARS
 Direct - DIRECT PROCUREMENT
 Sub - SUBCONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT
 % - PERCENTAGE OF NET PROCUREMENT

WMDVLGBTBE Subcontractor Procurement by Product and Service Categories

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)	2021 Report	G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.2
WMDVLGBTBE Subcontractor Procurement by Product and Service Categories		

				Products		Services		Total		
				\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	
1	Minority Male	Asian Pacific American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
2		African American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
3		Hispanic American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
4		Native American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
5		Total Minority Male	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
6	Minority Female	Asian Pacific American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
7		African American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
8		Hispanic American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
9		Native American	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
10		Total Minority Female	Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
11	Total Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)		Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
12	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)		Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
13	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise (LGBTBE)		Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
14	Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)		Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
15	Other 8(a)*		Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	
16	TOTAL WMDVLGBTBE			Sub	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
17	Total Product Procurement			\$52,801,706						
18	Total Service Procurement			\$3,208,607						
19	Net Procurement**			\$56,010,313						

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 ** NET PROCUREMENT INCLUDES PURCHASE ORDER, NON-PURCHASE ORDER, AND CREDIT CARD DOLLARS
 Direct - DIRECT PROCUREMENT
 Sub - SUBCONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT
 % - PERCENTAGE OF NET PROCUREMENT

WMDVLGBTBE Procurement by Standard Industry Classification (SIC) Category

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)		2021 Report								G. O. #156 Sec 9.1.2						
WMDVLGBTBE Procurement by Standard Industrial Categories																
SIC Category		Asian Pacific American		African American		Hispanic American		Native American		MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)**	Total WMDVLGBTBE	Total Dollars
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
Purchased Power	\$															\$52,801,706
	%															94.27%
Office Supplies & Other Expenses	\$															\$152,723
	%															0.27%
Contractual Services	\$									\$57,260						\$2,675,118
	%									0.1%						4.78%
Rents & Leases	\$															\$19,091
	%															0.03%
Other A&G	\$															\$357,628
	%															0.64%
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$															\$4,047
	%															0.01%
TOTAL	\$									\$57,260						\$56,010,313
	%									0.1%						100.00%

Total Product Procurement	\$52,801,706
Total Service Procurement	\$3,208,607
Net Procurement***	\$56,010,313

NOTE:

*FIRMS WITH MULTIPLE MINORITY OWNERSHIP STATUS
 **FIRMS CLASSIFIED AS 8(a) OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION INCLUDES NON-WMDVLGBTBE
 ***NET PROCUREMENT INCLUDES PURCHASE ORDER, NON-PURCHASE ORDER, AND CREDIT CARD DOLLARS
 TOTAL DOLLARS - TOTAL PROCUREMENT DOLLAR AMOUNT IN THE SPECIFIC SIC CATEGORY
 % - PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOLLARS

Number of WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers and Revenue Reported to the Clearinghouse

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)			2021 Report				G. O. #156 Sec 9.1.2 (D.11-05-019 & D.06-11-028)					
Number of WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers and Revenue Reported to the Clearinghouse												
Data on Number of Suppliers												
# WMDVLGBTBEs	Revenue Reported to CHS						Utility-Specific 2021 Summary					
	MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)*	Grand Total	MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)*	Grand Total
Under \$1 million												
Under \$5 million												
Under \$10 million												
Above \$10 million												
TOTAL							0	0	0	0	0	0

Revenue and Payment Data												
WMDVLGBTBE \$M	Revenue Reported to CHS						Utility-Specific 2021 Summary					
	MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)*	Grand Total	MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)*	Grand Total
Under \$1 million												
Under \$5 million												
Under \$10 million												
Above \$10 million												
TOTAL							0	0	0	0p	0	0

NOTE: * FIRMS CLASSIFIED AS 8(a) OF SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION INCLUDES NON-WMDVLGBTBE
 CHS: SUPPLIER CLEARINGHOUSE

Number of WMDVLGBTBEs with Majority of Workforce Working in California

VCE does not have sufficient information to report on whether the majority of the workforce of its suppliers are working in California.

9.1.3 WMDVLGBTBE Program Expenses

VCE did not incur any WMDVLGBTBE program expenses related to the following categories: wages, other employee expenses, program expenses, training, consultants, and other. Total expenses for preparation and submission of VCE’s 2020 Annual Report (filed in March 2021) were \$5,579.

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)	2021 Report	G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.3
WMDVLGBTBE Program Expenses		

	Expense Category	Year (Actual)
	Wages	\$0
	Other Employee Expenses	\$0
	Program Expenses	\$0
	Reporting Expenses	\$5,579
	Training	\$0
	Consultants	\$0
	Other	\$0
	TOTAL	\$5,579

9.1.4 Description of Progress in Meeting or Exceeding Set Goals

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

9.1.5 Summary of Prime Contractors Utilization of WMDVLGBTBE Subcontractors

It is possible that VCE’s prime contractors subcontracted with WMDVLGBTBE suppliers. VCE’s 2021 contracts do not explicitly reference the GO 156 Utility Supplier Diversity Program or certification by the Supplier Clearinghouse.

As noted, VCE’s primary contract (other than for power purchases) is with SMUD for administrative and personnel services, and SMUD follows its own supplier diversity initiatives, described above. VCE intends to work with SMUD to further VCE’s goals regarding supplier diversity, and to encourage suppliers used to seek Clearinghouse certification.

Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)		2021 Annual Report		G.O. #156 Sec. 9.1.5				
Summary of Prime Contractor Utilization of WMDVLGBTBE Subcontractors								
	Minority Male	Minority Female	MBE	WBE	LGBTBE	DVBE	Other 8(a)*	TOTAL WMDVLGBTBE
Direct \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subcontracting \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Subcontracting %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total %	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net Procurement**	\$56,010,313							

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**NET PROCUREMENT INCLUDES PURCHASE ORDER, NON-PURCHASE ORDER, AND CREDIT CARD DOLLARS
% - PERCENTAGE OF NET PROCUREMENT
Direct - DIRECT PROCUREMENT
Sub - SUBCONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT

9.1.6 List of WMDVLGBTBE Complaints Received

VCE did not receive any formal WMDVLGBTBE complaints in 2021.

9.1.7 Description of Efforts to Recruit WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers in Low Utilization Areas

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

9.1.8 Retention of All Documents/Data

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

9.1.9 Additional WMDVLGBTBE Activity

Section 9.1.1 describes all of VCE's activities supporting WMDVLGBTBE.

9.1.11 WMDVLGBTBE Fuel Procurement

VCE did not procure electricity from a CPUC Supplier Diversity Program certified entity during 2021, nor did VCE own any power plants or have any power purchase agreements that would require it to provide fuel for generators.

2022 Annual Plan

10.1.1 WMDVLGBTBE Annual Short-, Mid-, and Long-Term Goals by Product and Service Category

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

10.1.2 Description of WMDVLGBTBE Internal and External Activities for 2022

VCE does not have specific goals or numeric targets for contracting with diverse suppliers due to limitations associated with public entity procurement regulations. VCE will, however, continue to focus our goals on engagement of our existing prime contractors. One prime contractor may be a candidate for certification as a WBE. VCE has engaged this supplier and they have expressed interest in becoming certified. VCE will continue to identify and encourage eligible vendors to complete the certification process as well as ensure our prime contractors are aware of the Supplier Clearinghouse when they source subcontractors.

Internal Activities

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
 - Implementing VCE's Strategic Plan objectives to engage a diverse set of suppliers to respond to VCE's solicitations for services and contracts, as permitted under State law.
- CCA Collaboration
 - VCE staff discussed approaches to its Environmental Justice policy with numerous CCAs during 2021 CalCCA meetings. In 2022 VCE will continue to participate in supplier diversity and other related DEI information sharing activities among the CCAs to identify and assess best practices.
- 2022 Planning
 - VCE is developing an implementation strategy related to its Environmental Justice policy and related Strategic Plan goals/objectives. In this process, VCE is documenting practices and data capture to facilitate future reporting.

External Activities

- Solicitations
 - VCE will endeavor to include supplier diversity questionnaires and information on the CPUC Supplier Diversity program in our solicitations.

- Work with VCE contractors/vendors.
 - Continue to encourage eligible vendors to complete the certification process as well as ensure our prime contractors are aware of the Supplier Clearinghouse as they go out to source subcontractors, where relevant.

- CCA Collaboration
 - Explore the potential to collaborate with other CCAs on DEI initiatives consistent with VCE’s Environmental Justice policy and related Strategic Plan goals/objectives.

10.1.3 Plans for Recruiting WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers in Low Utilization Areas

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

10.1.4 Plans for Recruiting WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers Where Unavailable

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

10.1.5 Plans for Encouraging Prime Contractors to Subcontract WMDVLGBTBE Suppliers

This section is not applicable to CCAs.

10.1.6 Plans for Complying with WMDVLGBTBE Program Guidelines

This section is not applicable to CCAs.