

Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA)

Supplier Diversity Task Force

Mission

The Supplier Diversity Task Force, made up of investor-owned regulated utilities in the State of Missouri, has been formed to exchange information, share ideas, and provide ongoing support and advancement of each company's supplier diversity programs, and promote the further utilization of diverse suppliers in Missouri.

Authority

The Supplier Diversity Task Force is established, approved and governed by the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) and its By-Laws. The task force was formally established by MEDA's Board of Directors on June 3, 2011.

Objectives:

- Increase visibility of diverse suppliers with member utilities.
- Share information, ideas and practices, including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Utility Market Access Partnership Board (UMAP) recommendations, among task force members to promote and advance their supplier diversity programs.
- Increase opportunities via outreach – actively participate in trade events, conferences, and various outreach activities
- Effectively communicate the Supplier Diversity Task Force activities
- Provide a forum for effective information exchange
- Provide a framework for conducting Supplier Diversity Task Force business
- Serve as a resource to Missouri Public Service Commission on supplier diversity

Membership

Membership to the Supplier Diversity Task Force is open to all MEDA members. The President of MEDA serves on the Task Force in an ex-officio capacity.

Task Force members include:

- Ameren Corporation (Ameren Missouri)
- Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations
- The Laclede Group, Inc. (Laclede Gas Company)
- Missouri American Water Company
- Missouri Gas Energy
- The Empire District Electric Company

Activities

- **Adopted Charter and Strategic Plan - August 24, 2011**

- **Education**
 - MEDA Energy Day at the Capitol -February 16
 - Pass out information to attendees about the Supplier Diversity Task Force
 - Sharing Best Practices amongst all Task Force members during quarterly meetings

- **Communication**
 - We are working on a strategic communications plan to identify and nurture diverse suppliers in the state
 - Provide a forum for effective information exchange MEDA is repository for meeting minutes and coordinates sharing of information and documents among member utilities
 - Working on possibility of a web portal to share information about Task Force activities, accomplishments