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Question:

Will Xcel give preference to a diverse contractor when selecting a third-party evaluator to prepare its pilot-specific Monitoring & Evaluation plan?

Response:

Xcel Energy has a companywide commitment to supplier diversity, discussed at [Supplier Diversity | Suppliers | Trade Partners | Xcel Energy](#), including a public goal to achieve 25% of spending on materials and services coming from diverse suppliers by 2025. “Diverse supplier” is defined to include Disabled Owned Business Enterprise, Historically Underutilized Business Zone Business, LGBT Owned Business Enterprise, Minority Owned Business Enterprise, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise, Small Disadvantaged Business, Veteran Owned Business Enterprise, and Women Owned Business Enterprise.

We will apply a preference, via additional points awarded in the proposal evaluation process to diverse suppliers as defined above, when we conduct a Request for Proposals for third-party monitoring & evaluation of the Automatic Bill Credit Pilot. The Company is aware of at least five firms that have the qualifications to lead or support a project of this type, and also have one or more of the above certifications. In addition, the Company will work to recruit others to the greatest extent possible.

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