

## Supporting Diverse Businesses

2009 [results are in](#), and SDG&E® reached a new milestone in procuring resources from Diverse Business Enterprises (DBEs).

Last year, we purchased over \$235 million in goods and services from women-, minority-, and service-disabled, veteran-owned businesses.

This represents a record 29 percent of total goods and services purchased, and is a 21 percent increase in dollars compared to 2008. The 29 percent in spending substantially exceeds the 21.5 percent benchmark set by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). SDG&E also surpassed the CPUC's 1.5 percent goal for purchases from service disabled veteran-owned businesses.

Many Fortune 500 companies are trying to achieve 10 percent DBE procurement.

We are proud of our DBE accomplishments and believe our results are driven by the commitment of our leaders, as well as our supplier development and mentoring efforts.

By working with a broad and diverse group of suppliers that reflect the communities in which we operate, SDG&E enjoys greater savings and higher quality goods and services due to increased competition. This helps ensure that our customers have the best possible energy services at the most competitive prices.

Over the past 15 years, SDG&E has spent more than \$1.4 billion with diverse suppliers in products and services. During the same period, we purchased an additional \$700 million of natural gas from diverse suppliers. SDG&E is committed to setting yearly DBE procurement goals and to fostering a diverse supplier base.

[http://sempra.com/supplierdiversity/pdf/2009 Sempra Utilities WMDVBE Annual Report.pdf](http://sempra.com/supplierdiversity/pdf/2009_Sempra_Utility_WMDVBE_Annual_Report.pdf)

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### Doing Business with Us

We always seek qualified new suppliers who can help strengthen our supplier base and resources. [Learn more](#) about how qualified businesses owned by minorities, women, and service-disabled veterans can participate in our procurement process.