The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN), located on Pittsburgh’s North Side, provides wastewater treatment service to 83 communities, including the City of Pittsburgh.

In this Guide to Policies and Procedures, you will find important information about ALCOSAN.

ALCOSAN is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors; three appointed by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, three appointed by the County Executive, and one jointly appointed.

ALCOSAN’s administrative office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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Building your business is a time-consuming task. Not only do you have to perform the work, you have to cultivate it one contact at a time.

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How do you get started? Here are answers to a few commonly asked questions:

How do I learn about bids?

ALCOSAN contracts that meet or exceed the Municipal Authorities Act's procurement threshold for formal public bidding are advertised in the legal ads of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the New Pittsburgh Courier and the Bid Sheet (www.mybidsheet.com). Contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder meeting contract specifications by the ALCOSAN Board of Directors at its monthly public meeting.

To have your company placed on a bid list for construction contracts, contact our Engineering & Construction Division at (412) 732-8049 or by email at florine.graham@alcosan.org.

Please state the nature and/or scope of your business. Lists are kept by the Engineering & Construction Department for a period of five years. You will be automatically notified of contracts on which your business can bid.

I've done business with Allegheny County. Shouldn't my company already be on the bid list?

No. ALCOSAN is not a county agency.

Whom do I contact about supplies and service contracts?

Our Purchasing Department can handle any of your questions regarding purchasing policies, procedures and contracts at ALCOSAN. Contact Ray Meyer at (412) 734-8737 or by e-mail at raymond.meyer@alcosan.org.

Does ALCOSAN have a policy regarding women's and minority businesses?

Yes, ALCOSAN has an MBE/WBE/DBE policy in place. The Authority's goal is to award 10-25 percent annually of all contract dollars to minority or women's business enterprises.

ALCOSAN makes every effort to meet that goal in its contracts, and to encourage that goal among its contractors and subcontractors. For more information about ALCOSAN's MBE/WBE/DBE policies, please contact program coordinator Ray Meyer at (412) 734-8737 or at raymond.meyer@alcosan.org.

In order to be considered an MBE/WBE/DBE by ALCOSAN, does my business have to be certified?

Yes. ALCOSAN accepts certification from the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program, Pennsylvania Department of General Services and any other qualified state, county and municipal certifying agencies.

MBE/WBE/DBE Organizations that ALCOSAN participates with:

- African American Chamber of Commerce
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Engineering Outreach (SPEO)
- MWDBE Governmental Committee
- Diversity Business Resource Center