

General Order (GO) 156 Report

Year 2021 Utilities & CCAs Procurement of Goods, Services, and Fuel from Women, Minority, Disabled Veteran, and LGBT Business Enterprises

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CPUC Supplier Diversity Program

- Public Utilities Code (PU Code) §§ 366.2 (m), 910.3, and 8283:
 - Requires utilities and electric service providers to submit annual plans to increase procurement from women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises (WMDVLGBTBE) in all categories; and annual implementation reports.
 - Requires community choice aggregators (CCA) to annually submit plans to increase procurement from small, local, and diverse businesses in all categories; and WMDVLGBTBE procurement reports.
 - Encourages cable television and direct broadcast satellite providers, wholesale power generators, distributed energy resource contractors, and energy storage system companies to adopt plans to increase procurement from WMDVLGBTBEs.
 - Requires the CPUC to annually report to the legislature on WMDVLGBTBE procurement performance.

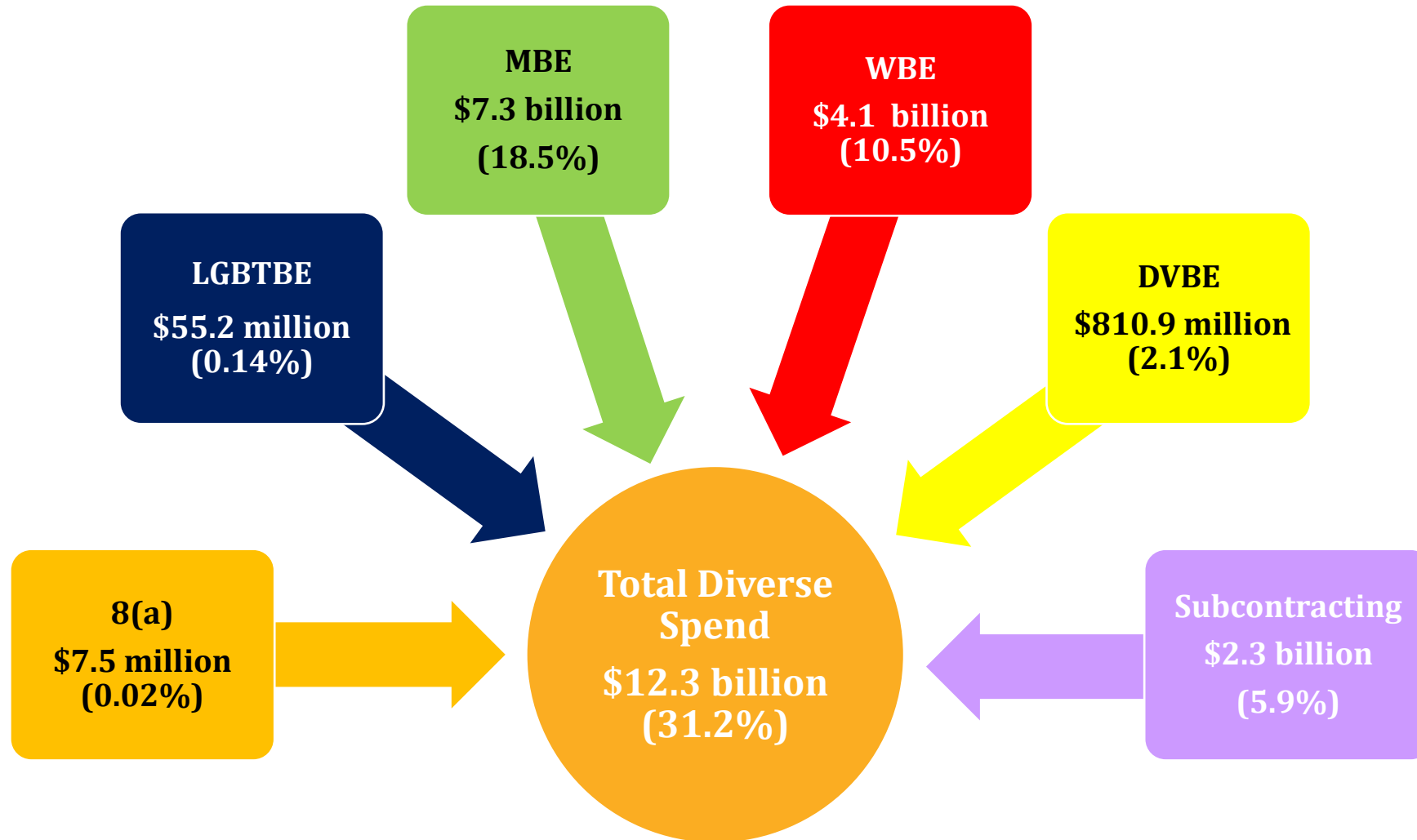
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- General Order (GO) 156 provides the framework for the CPUC Supplier Diversity Program.
 - In April 2022, Decision 22-04-035 revised GO 156 to add Senate Bill 255 (Bradford, Stat. 2019, Ch. 407) amendments and requirements; to set a voluntary procurement goal for LGBTBE; to add a new group of business enterprise: Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise; to adopt workforce and board diversity reporting requirements; and to make other program revisions.
 - The revised GO 156 provides voluntary procurement goals of 15% from minority business enterprises (MBE), 5% from women business enterprises (WBE), 1.5% from disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBE), and from LGBT business enterprises (LGBTBE), 0.5% for 2022, 1.0% for 2023, and 1.5% for 2024 and beyond.

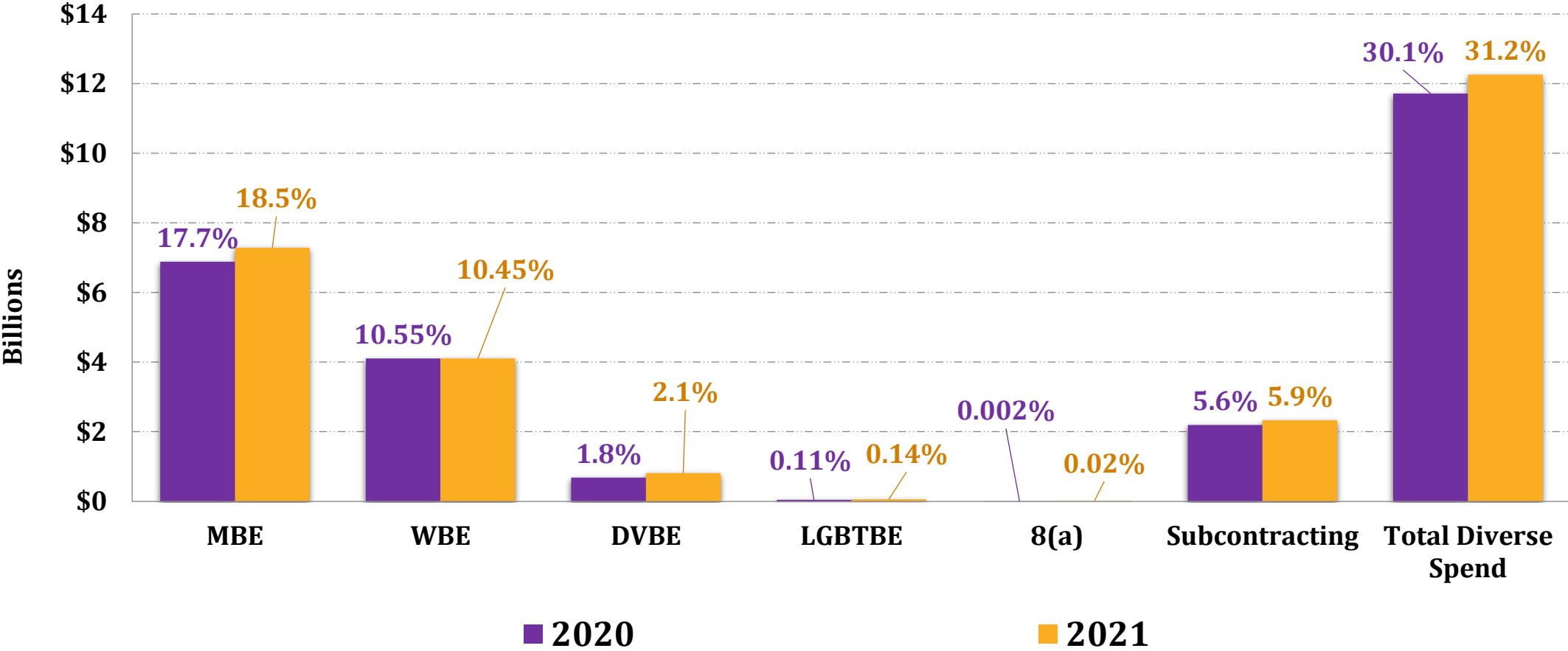
2021 GO 156 Report to the Legislature

- Described utilities' supplier diversity programs progress and WMDVLGBTBEs procurement results.
- Included a summary of CCAs supplier diversity initiatives, achievements, and barriers.
- 30 utilities and 15 CCAs submitted an annual supplier diversity report to the CPUC.

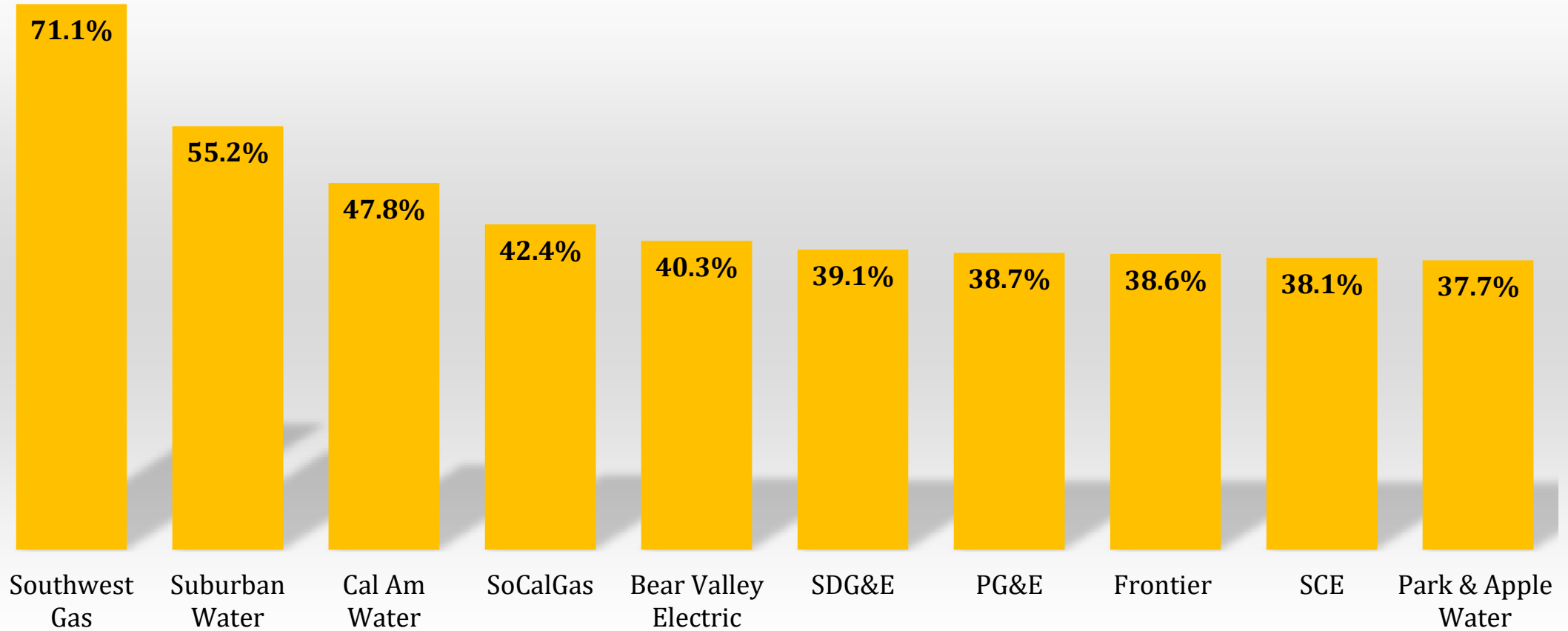
2021 Utilities WMDVLGBTBE Procurement Overview



2020/2021 Utilities WMDVLGBTBE Procurement



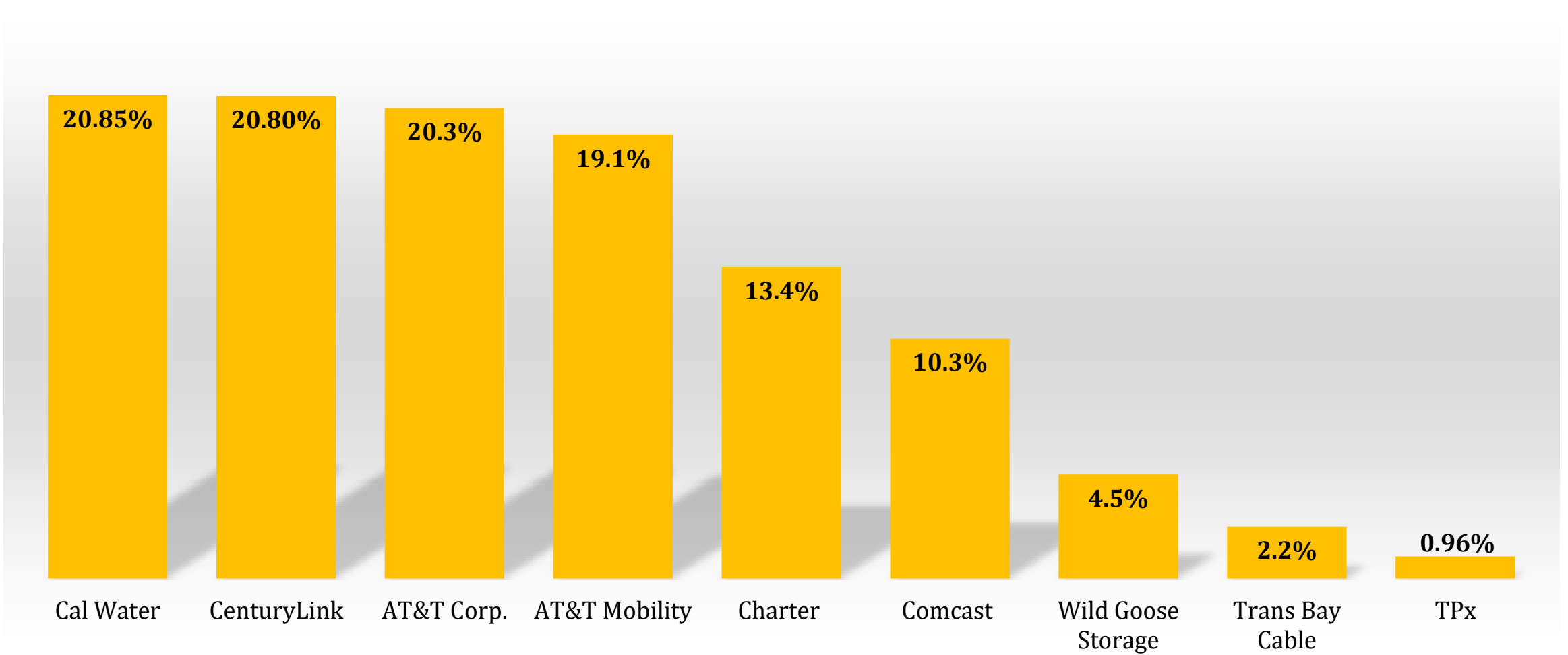
2021 Top 10 Performers



Utilities Who Met All Three GO 156 Goals in 2021

	15% Minority	5% Women	1.5% DVBE
Cal-Am Water	26.4%	13.3%	3.9%
Frontier	19.1%	18%	1.46%
Liberty CalPeco	19%	6.7%	2%
PG&E	23%	11.4%	4.2%
SDG&E	19.3%	14.8%	4.6%
SCE	19.5%	16.8%	1.6%
San Jose Water	24.9%	5%	3.9%
SoCalGas	27.9%	12%	2.5%
Southwest Gas	14.97%	5.5%	50.7%

Utilities with less than 21.5% WMDVLGBTBE Procurement in 2021



2021 CCAs WMDVLGBTBE Procurement



Accomplishments and Challenges

Accomplishments-

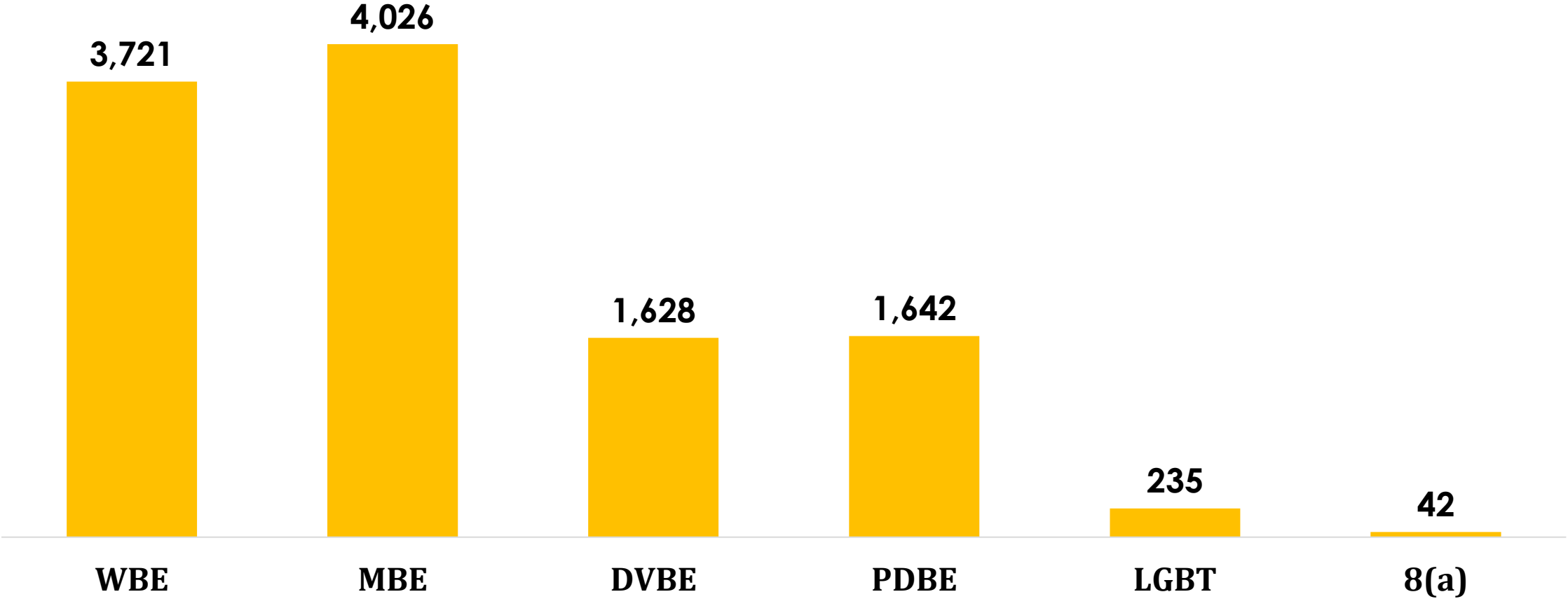
- Continued to provide technical assistance and capacity building programs and engage diverse suppliers using various technologies despite the COVID 19 pandemic disruption.
- Successfully engaged prime contractors to embrace supplier diversity and develop programs.
- The smaller utilities that mostly includes the water utilities have consistently improved their supplier diversity year over year. In 2021, their LGBTBE spend increased dramatically by 95.6 percent.
- CCAs, in their second year of reporting, increased their diverse spend by more than 80%.

Challenges-

- Confronted with supply chain disruptions and labor shortages due to COVID 19 pandemic.
- Barriers due to organizational business practices and contract terms and conditions continue to affect supplier diversity programs.
- Not enough diverse suppliers in certain fields such as fuel and power procurements.
- CCAs are constrained by Proposition 209.
- Over 90% of CCAs procurement is power with limited diverse supplier participation.

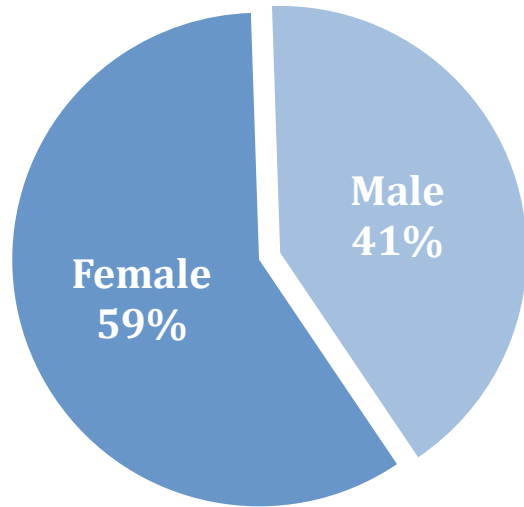
Supplier Clearinghouse

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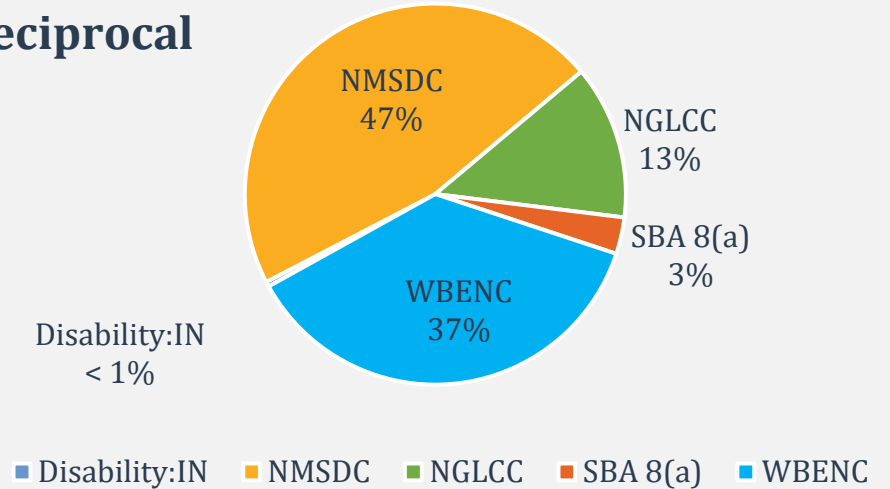


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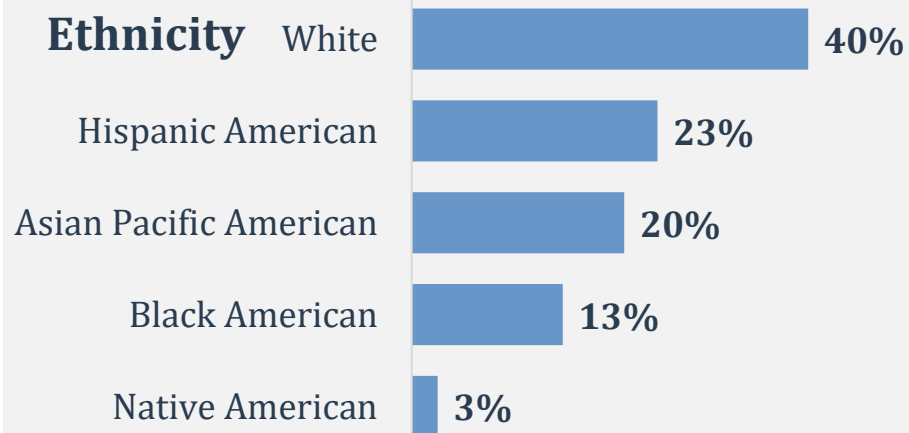
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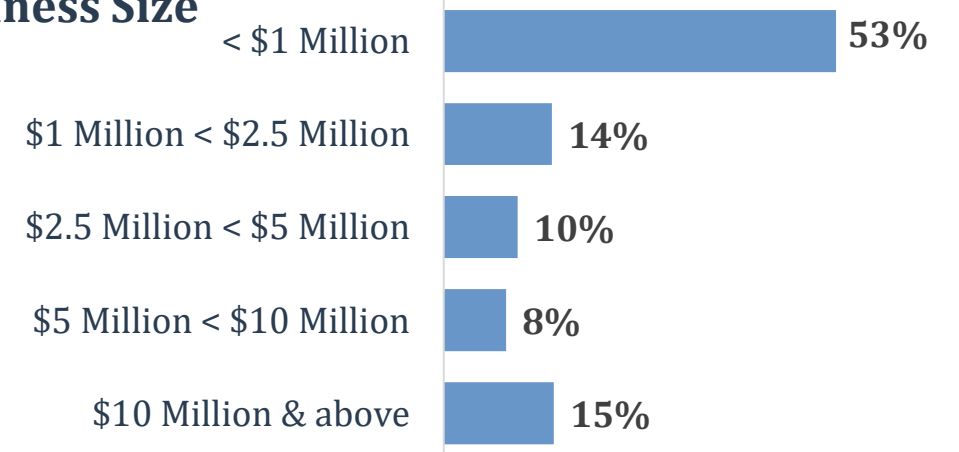
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Ethnicity

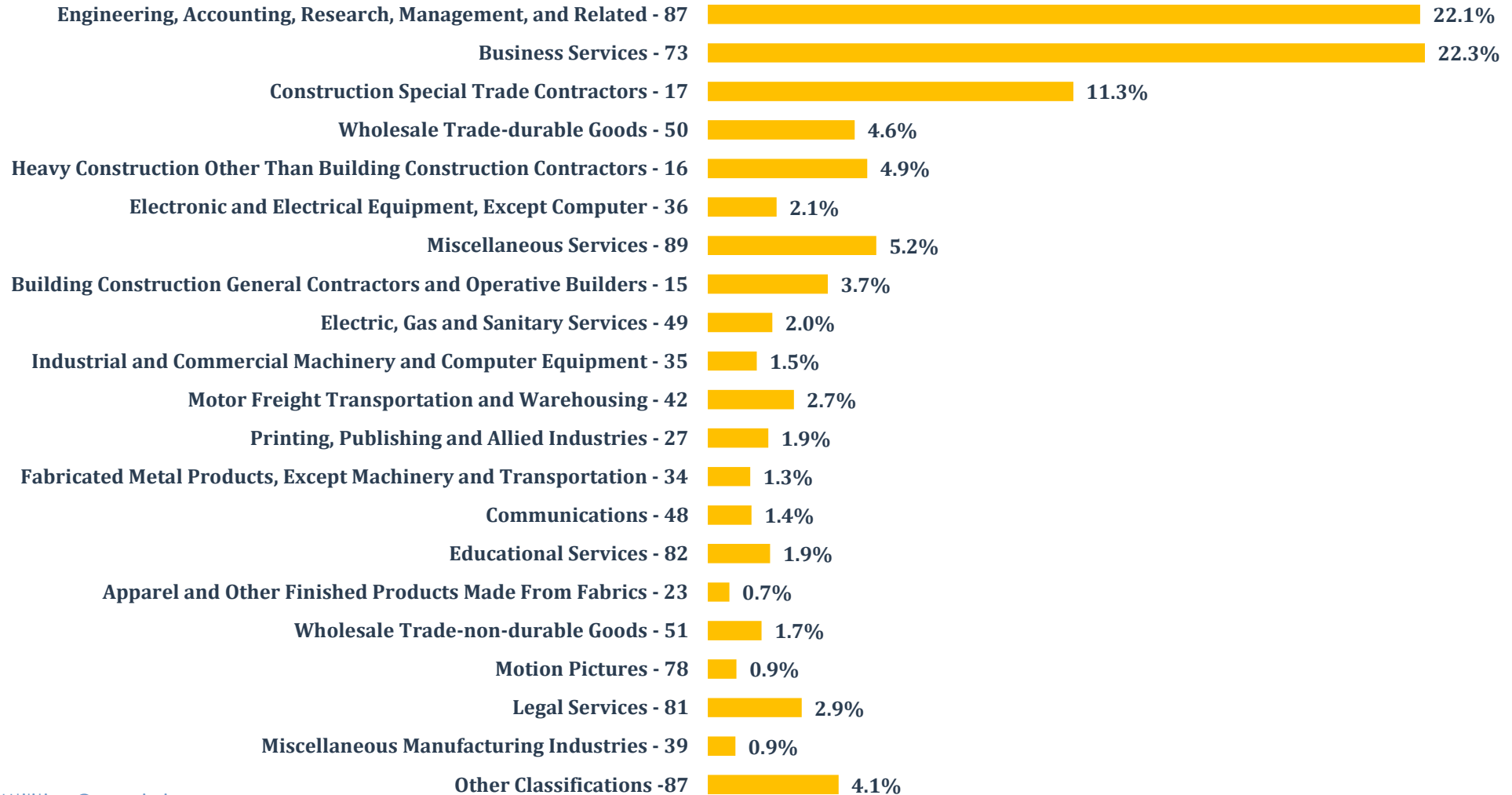


Business Size



Supplier Clearinghouse

Certified Suppliers by Standard Industrial Code (SIC)



Supplier Clearinghouse Accomplishments

- Participated in several events
- Implemented technology enhancements and process improvements
- Launched updated portal and Bid Board
- Extensive reverification outreach
- Increased Comparable Agency Verification applications to the Clearinghouse
- Provided training to utilities and applicant firms
- Implemented new Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise certification

CPUC Supplier Diversity Program Action Items

- Provide guidance and advocate for the inclusion of diverse suppliers in the procurement activities of GO 156 covered entities.
- Monitor the progress of GO 156 covered entities' supplier diversity programs especially their progress in incorporating the new LGBTBE goal and diverse category (Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise).
- Engage electric service providers and CCAs to develop supplier diversity programs and submit annual reports.
- Increase the pool of diverse suppliers in the Supplier Clearinghouse database.
- Work with GO 156 covered entities on workforce and board diversity reporting requirements.
- Support the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Action Plan by encouraging GO 156 covered entities to develop strategies that increase economic opportunities for ESJ communities in California.

Questions?



Thank you!



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