

Ohio reaching out to minority-owned businesses

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Ohio has never reached its goal — established in state law in 1980 — of awarding 15 percent of eligible contracts to minority-owned businesses.

More needs to be done, though the state's performance is getting markedly better, Jacqueline Williams, chief of Ohio's Minority Business Development Division, said Monday in Akron.

She noted that in fiscal 2013, minority-owned enterprises won roughly 10.1 percent of the goods and services contracts that Cabinet agencies awarded. That was up from 4.52 percent in fiscal 2012.

Williams said Gov. John Kasich has made reaching the goal a priority.

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