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I am very pleased that for the second year in a row the State of Ohio exceeded its goal for the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program and purchased nearly 24 percent of eligible goods and services from minority-owned, women-owned, and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. Ohio's MBE program and its goal of purchasing 15 percent of goods and



services from certified MBEs were established in 1980. In fact, Governor John Kasich voted for the legislation that created the program while he was serving in the General Assembly. However, it wasn't until last year that the State met that goal for the very first time. Now, through this administration's determined commitment, the State of Ohio has exceeded the goal for the second consecutive year, spending a record of nearly \$298 million with certified MBEs located here in Ohio. Information on the MBE program, getting certified as an MBE, and business resources are available from the [Equal Opportunity Division](#) and [Minority Business Development Division](#). Ohio is strongest when as many Ohioans as possible have an opportunity to share in our state's growing economy. I'm excited about the momentum of the MBE program as it continues to help minority- and women-owned businesses develop!

*Mary Taylor*

## CSI UPDATE: MODERNIZING THE OHIO BUSINESS GATEWAY

In 2015, Lt. Governor Mary Taylor and the [Common Sense Initiative](#) began spearheading the on-going inter-agency project to [modernize the Ohio Business Gateway](#), a primary online source for business information, payment of certain business taxes, and other state transactions. The goal of the project is to reimagine the Gateway such that it serves Ohio's business community and makes doing business in Ohio easy and efficient by providing e-Government services that are simple and secure. Toward that end, a revised RFP was released in May to receive vendor responses for the System Integrator role for assembling the new Gateway. The System Integrator has been selected and implementation of the Gateway vision is under way. The modernized Gateway will feature a new look and feel, as well as improved functionality focused on improving the experience of business users. While the overall focus

remains on modernizing the Gateway, the team is working hard to incorporate feature enhancements into the current system. These updates are designed to make it easier and more efficient for businesses to complete transactions and receive support. Recent updates made to the current Gateway system include the following:

- Payment cancellations can now be processed via the Gateway.
- Bulk filer functionality has been updated to enable certification and collection of simultaneous transmission ID's.
- Language on the home page has been updated for clarity and outdated information has been removed.
- Functionality for the Equal Opportunity Division now includes clarified instructions, appropriate program types, and improved processing of receipts.

When completed, the modernized Gateway will provide an improved business user experience with streamlined navigation and an updated look and feel.

### **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICE AGENCY**

The State of Ohio has many programs designed to provide varying types of assistance to businesses, but finding them can sometimes be a challenge. There is a reason that restaurant menu items are grouped by appetizer, salad, entrée, and dessert rather than randomly. The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) has adopted this menu grouping approach with its [Easy Program Finder](#). The Easy Program Finder offers easy navigation by grouping like programs and resources together by topic area, such as “Starting a Business” or “Support for Job Creation.” Each topic area lists ODSA’s various programs and resources that are applicable. Clicking on a resource or program provides the user with useful information. Specifically, it provides a short description of the program, the purpose for it, the type of persons or businesses it is designed for, the type of assistance available (including dollar amounts where applicable), and links to related programs and resources. And just as importantly, it lists the specific name, phone number, and email address for the program contact. If you’re looking for assistance, but aren’t sure what resources might be available or where to start, try starting with the Easy Program Finder.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED IN OCTOBER**

<b>STATE AGENCY</b>	<b>CSI RECOMMENDATION ON RULE PACKAGE</b>
Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared Living</li> </ul>
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master's Accreditation</li> </ul>
Cosmetology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 7 Rules</li> </ul>
Developmental Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate Care Facilities - Cost Report</li> <li>• Waiver Nursing Services and Personal</li> </ul>

	Care Aide Services Rate Increases
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Action Program Five-Year Review</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term Care Facilities and Beds and Bed Review Criteria; State and County Bed Need</li> </ul>
Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presumptive Eligibility</li> <li>• Radiology and Imaging Services</li> <li>• BLTCSS Passport: Covered Services and Rates</li> <li>• Physician Assistants</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Services and Medications</li> <li>• Potentially Preventable Readmissions</li> <li>• Managed Health Programs: Covered Services</li> </ul>
Medical Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribing To Persons Not Seen By The Physician</li> </ul>
Nursing Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five-Year Review</li> <li>• Technical Revisions</li> </ul>
Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cigarette E-Filing System</li> <li>• Motor Fuel Tax E-Filing</li> <li>• CAT Qualified Foreign Trade Zone Area: Rescinding Rule</li> </ul>
Workers' Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In- and Out-patient Medication and Fee Schedule</li> </ul>

For more detailed information about rules CSI has reviewed or is in the process of reviewing can be found at CSI [Active Rule Packages](#).

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