At E&I Cooperative Services, we’re committed to supporting your diversity spend initiatives by providing you with opportunities to work with suppliers that qualify as minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged, and local business enterprises. Our competitive solicitation process establishes best value contracts for our members. When soliciting new contracts, it is our goal to identify and include various diversity suppliers who can serve our members’ business requirements. To qualify, suppliers must be at least 51% owned, operated, and controlled by an individual (or individuals) within nationally recognized Diversity Supplier Classification.

For today’s education institutions, supplier diversity is about more than boosting the bottom line – it’s about social responsibility. Increasing contracting opportunities for diverse suppliers strengthens local communities and helps diverse businesses grow. Leveraging diverse suppliers can lead to unexpected innovations and add considerable value to your supply chain.
Diversity Supplier Classifications
E&I accepts through self-certification nationally recognized diversity business classifications/ownerships, including:

- Disabled Owned Business
- Disabled Veteran Owned Business
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone)
- MBE African American
- MBE Asian Indian American

E&I Direct Diversity Suppliers
To qualify as a direct diversity supplier, an organization must be at least 51% owned, operated, and controlled by an individual or individuals within nationally-recognized Diversity Supplier Classification.

- Alpha Building Corporation | CNR01440
  Women Owned, HUBZone
- American Education Supply | CNR01302
  Women Owned
- Claridge | CNR01323
  Women Owned
- Complete Book & Media Supply | CNR01307
  HUBZone
- eShip Global | CNR01497
  MBE Asian Indian American Small Business Concern
- Nouveau Construction | CNR01444
  Women Owned, HUBZone
- Pure Air | CNR01446
  MBE Hispanic American, Small Business Concern

E&I Suppliers with Minority/Diversity Partners
In addition to our direct relationships, many E&I suppliers partner with third-party diversity suppliers who can then collaborate with members to discuss the potential for creating a formal minority/diversity program.

- Airgas | CNR01362
- America To Go | CNR01458
- Carrier Enterprise | CNR01463
- CDW-G, Computer Equipment & Hardware | CNR01439
- Ferguson | CNR01322
- Grainger | CNR01248
- IM Supply | CNR01499
- Medline Industries, Medical & Surgical Supplies | CNR01385
- Medline Industries, Pharmaceuticals & OTC | CNR01387
- Southwest Contract | CNR01354
- Staples | CNR01373
- Staples Promotional Products | CNR01398
- VWR, part of Avantor | CNR01459

Questions?
For questions regarding our commitment to diversity supplier inclusion in our contracting process, please contact Helga Strobel-Pedisich, Director, Contract Administration, at hspedisich@eandi.org. You can also visit us at www.eandi.org.