

**GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON DIVERSE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** 

# 1-1 Buyer Meeting Best Practices

## **Schedule**

9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Expo Hall Opens – Buyer Meetings Begin
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon
1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Expo Hall Reopens - Buyers Meetings Resume
4:15 p.m.	Conference Closing Remarks

#### **Process**

Meetings are not pre-scheduled. If there is an open seat at a buyer's table, that buyer is available for a meeting. Out of respect for other small businesses, please limit your meetings to no more than 10 minutes. If the buyer you want to meet with is in a meeting, you may form a line. If a line is long and another buyer on your meeting list is available, please meet with the available buyer first. Please sign-in prior to beginning each meeting.

If you need help locating opportunities and companies, WPI staff is available near the buyer profiles to offer assistance.

### **Introduce Your Business**

- Short and tight introductory statement: Who you are and what you do
- Keep it to business
- Example: "Good afternoon. My name is James Green, Presented of the Green barge Company based in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Our company specializes in shoreline clean up and reconstruction."

## **Have Your Capabilities Statement On-Hand**

- Your capabilities statement is a helpful guide for conversion
- Five key elements to discuss: core competencies, past performance, differentiators, corporate data, and contact information

Fill in this sheet to plan your buyer meetings before entering the buyers space





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