



## **Henrico EDA Official SWaM Statement**

The Henrico Economic Development Authority (EDA) is committed to cultivating inclusive procurement processes and exploring contracting opportunities with the diverse array of businesses that power our economy. The EDA has adopted a two-pronged approach to facilitate supplier diversity throughout the county:

1. A member of the EDA will meet with new and existing companies doing business in the county to discuss supply chain, vendor, and contractor needs. The EDA will provide resources for businesses to access goods and services provided by small businesses; businesses owned by women, minorities, and service-disabled veterans; and employment services organizations.
2. The EDA and the Henrico County Purchasing Division will host periodic webinars to educate Henrico businesses on the SWaM certification process and to further expand the database of Henrico-based certified companies.

The EDA encourages those doing business in Henrico to consider joining this process and supporting diverse suppliers. We invite interested parties to meet with our organization's [deputy director](#), Henrico County's [supplier relations manager](#), and/or the [Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity](#). We are excited about the opportunity to partner in these efforts to increase SWaM certification and company awareness so that we can strengthen the community we serve together.