

Data Collection Effort for EO 13985 – Increasing Equity in Procurement Spending Barrier Assessment

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In the Department of Treasury's (Treasury) efforts to comply with the Executive Order 13995 of January 20, 2021 "Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government," we are seeking your help to gather input on the barriers that prevent small businesses in underserved communities from assessing or using Treasury's benefits or services. We would like your thoughts in five areas:

- Access to Information (e.g., via the Website or other platforms, including in-person or telephone)
- Access to Expertise (e.g., such as people with the right information or knowledge to access, enroll or participate in Treasury programs)
- Access to Capital (e.g., for small businesses to launch or grow their businesses)
- Roadblocks to Policy (e.g., eligibility may be restricted due to certain constraints or limitations)
- Lack of Responsiveness (e.g., for additional information, requests or clarifications, follow-up or feedback)

Your input will help our programs work more effectively for those they're intended to serve. Please respond by date X.

The following questions provide a scale of 1 to 5 for your responses, with 5 being "strongly agree" and 1 representing "strongly disagree." We encourage you to complete the comment section to provide further explanation or context to your responses, or if we didn't ask something you think we should have.

Category	Questions	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	In the middle	Agree	Strongly Agree
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Access to Information	The Department of Treasury's website provides adequate information for small businesses, HBCUs and MSIs access to programs	1	2	3	4	5
	The Department of Treasury's website is easy to navigate to find what small businesses, HBCUs, and MSIs need to know to access programs	1	2	3	4	5
	The Department of Treasury's website provides small businesses, HBCUs and MSIs with the right information at the right time to access programs	1	2	3	4	5
	Additional Comments for Clarification:	1	2	3	4	5
Access to Expertise	My small business, HBCU or MSI is aware of the options available to access expertise that can assist with competing for the U.S. Department of Treasury contracts and grants opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
	There are resources in my community that can help me get procurement ready to pursue Treasury contract and grant opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
	Additional Comments for Clarification:	1	2	3	4	5
Access to Capital	Small businesses located in underserved communities are aware of the options to	1	2	3	4	5

	access capital					
	The options available address the need	1	2	3	4	5
	I have confidence in the options for access to capital	1	2	3	4	5
	Additional Comments for Clarification:	1	2	3	4	5
Roadblocks with Policy	The Department of Treasury has provided clear guidance about how to promote my small business, HBCU or MSI services and products	1	2	3	4	5
	The U.S. Department of Treasury has clearly explained the procedures to compete for contracts and grants opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
	The U.S. Department of Treasury has designed its programs to effectively eliminate barriers to entry	1	2	3	4	5
	Additional Comments for Clarification:	1	2	3	4	5
Responsiveness/ Customer Service	When I need more information or explanation on contract or grant requirement I know who to contact	1	2	3	4	5
	When I reach out for help, I get a timely response from the Point of Contact shown in the Forecast of Contracting Opportunities or the Grant Point of Contact shown on the Grant	1	2	3	4	5

Opportunity.					
Additional Comments for Clarification:	1	2	3	4	5