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## Multnomah County Showcases Equity Purchasing Policies at National Level

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When national fiscal watchdogs meet in Indianapolis next week, one of Portland's own will present cutting edge ideas on best practices for fairness in government spending to benefit businesses of color.

Sophia Cavalli, procurement and MWESB supervisor with Multnomah County, will be presenting the office's Social Equity program and Sustainability Purchasing Policy at the 24th National American Contract Compliance Association Conference. "This is an important milestone for the County to share our policies and efforts on a national level," she said. "We believe our policies will assist other agencies around the country to include Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Businesses in their environmental efforts."

The key issue she will address is about how local vendors and services providers of color can successfully sell their products and abilities to local government.

"Social equity and sustainability are our key priorities and core values," she said. This year's conference theme is, "Crossroads to Raising the Bar for Contract Compliance and Diversity."

ACCA is the nation's only conference training institute providing continuing education credits for compliance and diversity professionals to ensure equitable employment and contracting practices with public and private sector institutions. Membership is comprised of public sector contract compliance officers, historically underutilized and small business enterprises, affirmative action and equal employment opportunity professionals from across the United States.

For additional information on Multnomah County's Sustainable Purchasing Policy, visit the Purchasing website at [www.multcocopurch.org](http://www.multcocopurch.org)

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