

## Recommended certifications

All suppliers interested in doing business with Blue Cross must be certified by an accredited certifying agency and provide copies of their certifications. We recommend the following:

- National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) and its regional affiliates: [www.nmsdc.org](http://www.nmsdc.org)
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and its regional affiliates: [www.wbenc.org](http://www.wbenc.org)
- National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC): [www.nglcc.org](http://www.nglcc.org)
- Small Business Administration (SBA) for small businesses and those owned by a veteran: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)
- United States Business Leadership Network (USBLN) for business owners with a disability: [www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org)
- Other government agencies (state or national level)

We look forward to doing business with you!



[www.bcbsri.com](http://www.bcbsri.com)

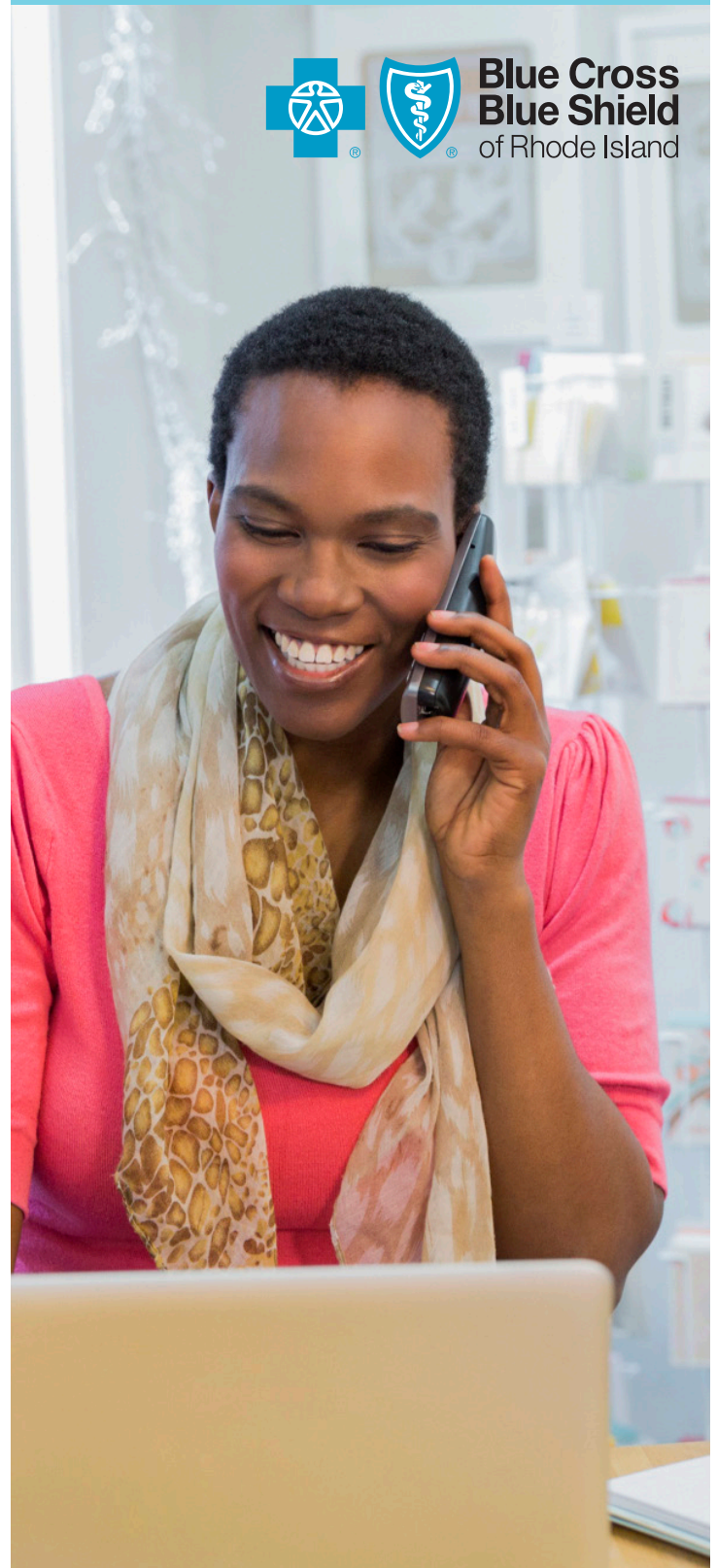
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# Let's Work Together.

## Supplier Diversity Program



We need great companies to help us meet our customers' needs. So let's talk about doing business together. Becoming a supplier for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island is easy and convenient.

## Our commitment

At Blue Cross, we're committed to diversity and inclusion—both in our workforce and among our suppliers. We actively seek and encourage qualified diverse suppliers from all segments of the business community to participate in our corporate procurement process. This includes small businesses and businesses owned by people of color, women, veterans, and those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ), and/or live with a disability.

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***“As a local company, we proactively engage with the businesses in the communities where we live and work. Blue Cross recognizes the value that diverse suppliers and sub-contractors can bring to our company, our members, and our communities. Our Supplier Diversity Program is an important part of our effort to promote economic growth in Rhode Island.”***

**Peter Andruszkiewicz**

President & Chief Executive Officer

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## How you can help

With more than 900 employees and 450,000 members, we purchase a variety of products and services, including:

- Advertising
- Computer hardware, software supplies, and services
- Facilities management
- IT contingent labor agencies
- Marketing
- Office cleaning services
- Office equipment, furniture, supplies, and services
- Printing
- Promotional items
- Staffing solutions

## Become a supplier

To get started, please register your company on our supplier site at:

[bit.ly/bcbsrisuppliers](https://bit.ly/bcbsrisuppliers)

Be sure to take advantage of the site's self-service features, including:

- Attaching documentation (for example, diversity certifications and W-9 forms)
- Choosing products and services you are able to provide to Blue Cross
- Checking for new bids or RFPs
- Receiving communication from Blue Cross
- Invoicing against existing purchase orders

If you're unable to access our Supplier Portal, please contact the Puridiom Help Desk at [support@puridiom.com](mailto:support@puridiom.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Alexander, Supplier Diversity Program Manager, at (401) 459-1908 or [maureen.alexander@bcbsri.org](mailto:maureen.alexander@bcbsri.org).