

**DC Public Service Commission  
Advisory Council on Utility Supplier and Workforce Diversity  
Business Development and Outreach**

**March 19, 2020  
1:30 pm**

**Best Practices:**

DC Water -Vendor Days, Forecast availability, Vendor Engagement  
Pepco – Partnering with a cohort of 10-15 firms in a mentor-protégé relationship to build capacity  
Veola Water, Indianapolis, Utility Diversity Council - Collaborative Business Opportunity Information-sharing Agency/Company Outreach – Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

**Emerging Best Practice to Watch:**

National Utility Diversity Council/Southern California Gas Virtual Roundtable. Diverse suppliers and the utility participate in an online outreach event.

Gainesville Regional Utilities Faith-based Workforce and Supplier Diversity Outreach

**Areas in Need of Improvement**

Transparent Procurement Processes /Real Opportunities for Diverse Suppliers  
Monitoring Goal Achievement – How are goals achieved: existing diverse suppliers versus new firms

**Next Steps:**

Three question survey to utilities to determine best practices.  
NUDC to provide contact information of partner utilities.