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- Small businesses encounter barriers every day
- Procurement is an essential part of state function
- We can use procurement to play a social role, creating equity for small businesses

What's in it **for me?**



- Small business **MUST** be a priority for government
- This is where innovation comes from
- We can facilitate equal access and open competition by removing barriers to participation
- Everyone benefits, and Washington receives better contracting and procurement outcomes

Desired Outcomes

- Innovation is not about money \$\$\$
- It's about people, ideas, and leadership
- We can stimulate and sustain innovation as a business model in Washington State

Thank You!



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