## **Berkshire Bank**

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## Summary

About the Company	<ul> <li>Community banking company with \$13.1 billion in diverse assets across NE headquartered in Boston</li> <li>Founded in 1846 170+ years of experience</li> <li>Excellence in social responsibility</li> <li>90% of suppliers in REVAX lab development were black and brown owned businesses</li> <li>Prioritizes allyship and DEI 69% women employees 53% in manager roles</li> <li>8% increase in ethnic minority employees</li> </ul>
Requirements/ Non- negotiables	<ul> <li>Vendor/Supplier must complete risk control assessments</li> <li>Insurance Requirements (Berkshire Bank will assist in acquiring necessary credentials)</li> </ul>
Process	<ul> <li>Each business area manages their own procurement processes</li> <li>Research and reviews potential suppliers/meet with suppliers to review requirements</li> <li>Invites proposals and selects based on goals and budget</li> <li>Negotiates terms and contract is developed</li> <li>Due diligence papers are reviewed with legal counsel</li> <li>Third party reviews risk management</li> <li>Onboards new vendor</li> </ul>
Best Practices	<ul> <li>Demonstrate long term value for Berkshire Bank</li> <li>Be clear in strategic objectives</li> <li>Will email vendors and frequently touch base opportunities may arise in the future</li> <li>Businesses from Rhode Island are currently sought after</li> </ul>
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