



# University Hospital of NJ

## Deborah Wiggins Initiating Long-Term Strategy at University Hospital of NJ



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Manager of the Office of Supplier Diversity

Deborah Wiggins, Manager of the Office of Supplier Diversity with University Hospital of NJ, has been challenged with developing and leading the Hospital's strategy for diversity and inclusion throughout the tri-state area and most importantly the City of Newark, where efforts with the Newark Alliance will have a projected 25% increase in spend with local diverse suppliers. Deborah has worked strategically to align the Hospital's Supplier Diversity program with a number of professional organizations in the New York tri-state area. She continuously works with suppliers by offering corporate training and outreach programs to help them build scale through growth and forming partnerships or alliances. Deborah works closely with internal decision makers to raise awareness of diverse suppliers by holding commodity specific meetings.

Prior to that Deborah was Statewide Coordinator in the Office of Supplier Diversity at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ. UMDNJ where she increased involvement of the sourcing team in supplier diversity activities, and assisted suppliers with capacity building.

#### **Favorite Quote:**

**"The absence of equity and equality impedes inclusion."**

— *Anonymous*