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Byron Witherspoon is the Director, Supplier Diversity at Ameren responsible for establishing and implementing the strategic vision for Ameren's Supplier Diversity department.

Witherspoon has 20+ years' experience developing and executing Supplier Diversity programs specifically designed to provide meaningful contract opportunities for diverse suppliers for both the public and private sectors.

As a St. Louis native, Witherspoon earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Southeast Missouri State University in Social Work and a Master's Degree in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri St. Louis. Witherspoon is an accredited Project Management Professional (PMP) by the Project Management Institute.

Witherspoon was recognized in MBNUSA magazine as one of the Top 75 Leading Men in Corporate Supplier Diversity. Witherspoon received the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis Business Advocate of the Year and is also a past recipient of the Diversity Excellence and Advocacy Diversity Champion Award by the St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers (SLCCC).

Currently, Witherspoon is the chairperson of the Edison Electrical Institute's (EEI) Supplier Diversity Taskforce and actively involved in the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council (IUBDC).