

## D-1B WAIVER GUIDANCE

### GUIDANCE FOR DOCUMENTING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET MBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

In order to show that it has made good faith efforts to meet the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) participation goal (including any MBE subgoals) on a contract, the Offeror must either (1) meet the MBE Goal(s) and document its commitments for participation of MBE Firms, or (2) when it does not meet the MBE Goal(s), document its Good Faith Efforts to meet the goal(s).

#### I. Definitions

**MBE Goal(s)** – “MBE Goal(s)” refers to the MBE participation goal and MBE participation subgoal(s).

**Good Faith Efforts** - The “Good Faith Efforts” requirement means that when requesting a waiver, the Offeror must demonstrate that it took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the MBE Goal(s), which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient MBE participation, even if those steps were not fully successful. Whether the Offeror that requests a waiver made adequate good faith efforts will be determined by considering the quality, quantity, and intensity of the different kinds of efforts that the Offeror has made. The efforts employed by the Offeror should be those that one could reasonably expect the Offeror to take if the Offeror were actively and aggressively trying to obtain MBE participation sufficient to meet the MBE contract goal and subgoals. Mere *pro forma* efforts are not good faith efforts to meet the MBE contract requirements. The determination concerning the sufficiency of the Offeror's good faith efforts is a judgment call; meeting quantitative formulas is not required.

**Identified Firms** – “Identified Firms” means a list of the MBEs identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as available to perform the Identified Items of Work. It also may include additional MBEs identified by the Offeror as available to perform the Identified Items of Work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the procurement was issued. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Firms, this term refers to all of the MBE Firms (if State-funded) the Offeror identified as available to perform the Identified Items of Work and should include all appropriately certified firms that are reasonably identifiable.

**Identified Items of Work** – “Identified Items of Work” means the Proposal items identified by the procuring agency during the goal setting process and listed in the procurement as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms. It also may include additional portions of items of work the Offeror identified for performance by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved. If the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work, this term refers to all of the items of work the Offeror identified as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms and should include all reasonably identifiable work opportunities.

**MBE Firms** – “MBE Firms” refers to firms certified by the Maryland Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) under COMAR 21.11.03. Only MDOT-certified MBE Firms can participate in the State's MBE Program.

#### II. Types of Actions Agency will Consider

The Offeror is responsible for making relevant portions of the work available to MBE subcontractors and suppliers and select those portions of the work or material needs consistent with the available MBE subcontractors and suppliers, so as to facilitate MBE participation. The following is a list of types of actions the procuring agency will consider as part of the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts when the Offeror fails to meet the MBE Goal(s). This list is not intended to be a mandatory checklist, nor is it intended to be exclusive or exhaustive. Other factors or types of efforts may be relevant in appropriate cases.

##### A. Identify Proposal Items as Work for MBE Firms

###### 1. Identified Items of Work in Procurements

- (a) Certain procurements will include a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible work for performance by MBE Firms. If the procurement provides a list of Identified Items of Work, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit quotes from MBE Firms to perform that work.
- (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, select additional items of work to be performed by MBE Firms to increase the likelihood that the MBE Goal(s) will be achieved.

2. Identified Items of Work by Offerors
  - (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified Items of Work or for additional Identified Items of Work, Offerors should reasonably identify sufficient items of work to be performed by MBE Firms.
  - (b) Where appropriate, Offerors should break out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MBE participation, rather than perform these work items with their own forces. The ability or desire of a prime contractor to perform the work of a contract with its own organization does not relieve the Offeror of the responsibility to make Good Faith Efforts.

**B. Identify MBE Firms to Solicit**

1. MBE Firms Identified in Procurements
  - (a) Certain procurements will include a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as available to perform the items of work. If the procurement provides a list of Identified MBE Firms, the Offeror shall make all reasonable efforts to solicit those MBE firms.
  - (b) Offerors may, and are encouraged to, search the MBE Directory to identify additional MBEs who may be available to perform the items of work, such as MBEs certified or granted an expansion of services after the solicitation was issued.
2. MBE Firms Identified by Offerors
  - (a) When the procurement does not include a list of Identified MBE Firms, Offerors should reasonably identify the MBE Firms that are available to perform the Identified Items of Work.
  - (b) Any MBE Firms identified as available by the Offeror should be certified to perform the Identified Items of Work.

**C. Solicit MBEs**

1. Solicit all Identified Firms for all Identified Items of Work by providing written notice. The Offeror should:
    - (a) provide the written solicitation at least 10 days prior to Proposal opening to allow sufficient time for the MBE Firms to respond;
    - (b) send the written solicitation by first-class mail, facsimile, or e-mail using contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; and
    - (c) provide adequate information about the plans, specifications, anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed by the MBE, and other requirements of the contract to assist MBE Firms in responding. (This information may be provided by including hard copies in the written solicitation or by electronic means as described in C.3 below.)
  2. “All” Identified Firms includes the MBEs listed in the procurement and any MBE Firms you identify as potentially available to perform the Identified Items of Work, but it does not include MBE Firms who are no longer certified to perform the work as of the date the Offeror provides written solicitations.
  3. “Electronic Means” includes, for example, information provided *via* a website or file transfer protocol (FTP) site containing the plans, specifications, and other requirements of the contract. If an interested MBE cannot access the information provided by electronic means, the Offeror must make the information available in a manner that is accessible to the interested MBE.
  4. Follow up on initial written solicitations by contacting MBEs to determine if they are interested. The follow up contact may be made:
    - (a) by telephone using the contact information in the MBE Directory, unless the Offeror has a valid basis for using different contact information; or
    - (b) in writing *via* a method that differs from the method used for the initial written solicitation.
  5. In addition to the written solicitation set forth in C.1 and the follow up required in C.4, use all other reasonable and available means to solicit the interest of MBE Firms certified to perform the work of the contract. Examples of other means include:
    - (a) attending any pre-Proposal meetings at which MBE Firms could be informed of contracting and subcontracting opportunities; and
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- (b) if recommended by the procurement, advertising with or effectively using the services of at least two minority focused entities or media, including trade associations, minority/women community organizations, minority/women contractors' groups, and local, state, and federal minority/women business assistance offices listed on the MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise website.

**D. Negotiate with Interested MBE Firms**

Offerors must negotiate in good faith with interested MBE Firms.

1. Evidence of negotiation includes, without limitation, the following:
  - the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MBE Firms that were considered;
  - a description of the information provided regarding the plans and specifications for the work selected for subcontracting and the means used to provide that information; and
  - evidence as to why additional agreements could not be reached for MBE Firms to perform the work.
2. The Offeror using good business judgment would consider a number of factors in negotiating with subcontractors, including MBE subcontractors, and would take a firm's price and capabilities as well as contract goals into consideration.
3. The fact that there may be some additional costs involved in finding and using MBE Firms is not in itself sufficient reason for the Offeror's failure to meet the contract MBE goal(s), as long as such costs are reasonable. Factors to take into consideration when determining whether an MBE Firm's quote is excessive or unreasonable include, without limitation, the following:
  - (a) dollar difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;
  - (b) percentage difference between the MBE subcontractor's quote and the average of the other subcontractors' quotes received by the Offeror;
  - © percentage that the MBE subcontractor's quote represents of the overall contract amount;
  - number of MBE firms that the Offeror solicited for that portion of the work;
  - whether the work described in the MBE and Non-MBE subcontractor quotes (or portions thereof) submitted for review is the same or comparable; and
  - number of quotes received by the Offeror for that portion of the work.
4. The above factors are not intended to be mandatory, exclusive, or exhaustive, and other evidence of an excessive or unreasonable price may be relevant.
5. The Offeror may not use its price for self-performing work as a basis for rejecting an MBE Firm's quote as excessive or unreasonable.
6. The "average of the other subcontractors' quotes received" by the Offeror refers to the average of the quotes received from all subcontractors. Offeror should attempt to receive quotes from at least three subcontractors, including one quote from an MBE and one quote from a Non-MBE.
7. The Offeror shall not reject an MBE Firm as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of the firm's capabilities. For each certified MBE that is rejected as unqualified or that placed a subcontract quotation or offer that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable, the Offeror must provide a written detailed statement listing the reasons for this conclusion. The Offeror also must document the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.

The factors to take into consideration when assessing the capabilities of an MBE Firm, include, but are not limited to the following: financial capability, physical capacity to perform, available personnel and equipment, existing workload, experience performing the type of work, conduct and performance in previous contracts, and

ability to meet reasonable contract requirements.

The MBE Firm's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of Proposals in the efforts to meet the project goal.

#### **E. Assisting Interested MBE Firms**

When appropriate under the circumstances, the decision-maker will consider whether the Offeror Offeror made reasonable efforts to assist interested MBR Firms in obtaining:

1. The bonding, lines of credit, or insurance required by the procuring agency or the Offeror; and
2. Necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.

### **III. Other Considerations**

In making a determination of Good Faith Efforts the decision-maker may consider engineering estimates, catalogue prices, general market availability and availability of certified MBE Firms in the area in which the work is to be performed, other Proposals or offers and subcontract Proposals or offers substantiating significant variances between certified MBE and Non-MBE costs of participation, and their impact on the overall cost of the contract to the State and any other relevant factors.

The decision-maker may take into account whether the Offeror decided to self-perform subcontract work with its own forces, especially where the self-performed work is Identified Items of Work in the procurement. The decision-maker also may take into account the performance of other Offerors in meeting the contract. For example, when the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the contract goal, but others meet it, this reasonably raises the question of whether, with additional reasonable efforts, the apparent successful Offeror could have met the goal. If the apparent successful Offeror fails to meet the goal, but meets or exceeds the average MBE participation obtained by other Offerors, this, when viewed in conjunction with other factors, could be evidence of the apparent successful Offeror having made Good Faith Efforts.

### **IV. Documenting Good Faith Efforts**

At a minimum, the Offeror seeking a waiver of the MBE Goal(s) or a portion thereof must provide written documentation of its Good Faith Efforts, in accordance with COMAR 21.11.03.11, within 10 Business Days after receiving notice that it is the apparent awardee. The written documentation shall include the following:

#### **A. Items of Work (Complete Good Faith Efforts Documentation Attachment D-1C, Part 1)**

A detailed statement of the efforts made to select portions of the work proposed to be performed by certified MBE Firms in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the stated MBE Goal(s).

#### **B. Outreach/Solicitation/Negotiation**

1. The record of the Offeror's compliance with the outreach efforts prescribed by COMAR 21.11.03.09C(2)(a). **(Complete Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement - D-2).**
2. A detailed statement of the efforts made to contact and negotiate with MBE Firms including:
  - (a) the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the MBE Firms who were contacted, with the dates and manner of contacts (letter, fax, e-mail, telephone, etc.) **(Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C- Part 2, and submit letters, fax cover sheets, e-mails, etc. documenting solicitations);** and
  - (b) a description of the information provided to MBE Firms regarding the plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed and the means used to provide that information.

**C. Rejected MBE Firms (Complete Good Faith Efforts Attachment D-1C, Part 3)**

1. For each MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes is not acceptable or qualified, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the steps taken to verify the capabilities of the MBE and Non-MBE Firms quoting similar work.
2. For each certified MBE Firm that the Offeror concludes has provided an excessive or unreasonable price, a detailed statement of the reasons for the Offeror's conclusion, including the quotes received from all MBE and Non-MBE firms proposing on the same or comparable work. **(Include copies of all quotes received.)**
3. A list of MBE Firms contacted but found to be unavailable. This list should be accompanied by an MBE Unavailability Certificate (see **D-1B - Exhibit A** to this Part 1) signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the MBE Unavailability Certificate.

**D. Other Documentation**

1. Submit any other documentation requested by the Procurement Officer to ascertain the Offeror's Good Faith Efforts.
2. Submit any other documentation the Offeror believes will help the Procurement Officer ascertain its Good Faith Efforts.

**D-1B - Exhibit A**  
**MBE Subcontractor Unavailability Certificate**

1. It is hereby certified that the firm of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Minority firm)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

was offered an opportunity to bid on Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_ County by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Prime Contractor's Firm)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Minority Firm), is either unavailable for the work/service or unable to prepare a Proposal for this project for the following reason(s):

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(Signature of Minority Firm's MBE Representative) (Title) (Date)

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(MDOT Certification #) (Telephone #)

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3. To be completed by the prime contractor if Section 2 of this form is not completed by the minority firm.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, said Certified Minority Business Enterprise is either unavailable for the work/service for this project, is unable to prepare a Proposal, or did not respond to a request for a price Proposal and has not completed the above portion of this submittal.

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(Signature of Prime Contractor) (Title) (Date)

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**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Parts 1, 2, and 3 must be included with this certificate along with all documents supporting your waiver request.

I affirm that I have reviewed **Attachment D-1B**, Waiver Guidance. I further affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of this **Attachment D-1C** Good Faith Efforts Documentation Form are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Company:

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Company Name (please print or type)

By:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Company Address

**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**  
**PART 1 – IDENTIFIED ITEMS OF WORK OFFEROR MADE AVAILABLE TO MBE FIRMS**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Identify those items of work that the Offeror made available to MBE Firms. This includes, where appropriate, those items the Offeror identified and determined to subdivide into economically feasible units to facilitate the MBE participation. For each item listed, show the anticipated percentage of the total contract amount. It is the Offeror’s responsibility to demonstrate that sufficient work to meet the goal was made available to MBE Firms, and the total percentage of the items of work identified for MBE participation equals or exceeds the percentage MBE goal set for the procurement. Note: If the procurement includes a list of Proposal items identified during the goal setting process as possible items of work for performance by MBE Firms, the Offeror should make all of those items of work available to MBE Firms or explain why that item was not made available. If the Offeror selects additional items of work to make available to MBE Firms, those additional items should also be included below.

Identified Items of Work	Was this work listed in the procurement?		Does Offeror normally self-perform this work?		Was this work made available to MBE Firms? If no, explain why not.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST**

**PART 2 – IDENTIFIED MBE FIRMS AND RECORD OF SOLICITATIONS**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT</b>
<i>Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone</i>		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

Identify the MBE Firms solicited to provide quotes for the Identified Items of Work made available for MBE participation. Include the name of the MBE Firm solicited, items of work for which quotes were solicited, date and manner of initial and follow-up solicitations, whether the MBE provided a quote, and whether the MBE is being used to meet the MBE participation goal. MBE Firms used to meet the participation goal must be included on the MBE Participation Schedule. Note: If the procurement includes a list of the MBE Firms identified during the goal setting process as potentially available to perform the items of work, the Offeror should solicit all of those MBE Firms or explain why a specific MBE was not solicited. If the Offeror identifies additional MBE Firms who may be available to perform Identified Items of Work, those additional MBE Firms should also be included below. Copies of all written solicitations and documentation of follow-up calls to MBE Firms must be attached to this form. This list should be accompanied by a Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate signed by the MBE contractor or a statement from the Offeror that the MBE contractor refused to sign the Minority Contractor Unavailability Certificate (**Attachment D-1B - Exhibit A**). If the Offeror used a Non-MBE or is self-performing the identified items of work, Part 4 must be completed.

<b>Name of Identified MBE Firm &amp; MBE Classification</b>	<b>Describe Item of Work Solicited</b>	<b>Initial Solicitation Date &amp; Method</b>	<b>Follow-up Solicitation Date &amp; Method</b>	<b>Details for Follow-up Calls</b>	<b>Quote Received</b>	<b>Quote Used</b>	<b>Reason Quote Rejected</b>
Firm Name:		Date:	Date:	Time of Call:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other
MBE Classification		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	Spoke with:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	MBE
(Check only if requesting waiver of MBE subgoal.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Used Non- <input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic American- Owned							performing
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American-Owned							
<input type="checkbox"/> Women-Owned							
<input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification							
Firm Name:		Date:	Date:	Time of Call: Spoke with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Other
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<input type="checkbox"/> Owned Asian American-							
<input type="checkbox"/> Owned Women-							
<input type="checkbox"/> Owned							
<input type="checkbox"/> Other MBE Classification							

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**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT WAIVER REQUEST  
PART 3 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING REJECTED MBE QUOTES**

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<b>Prime Contractor:</b>	<b>Project Description:</b>	<b>PROJECT/CONTRACT NUMBER:</b>
<i>Offeror Company Name, Street Address, Phone</i>		<b>Solicitation #:</b>

This form must be completed if Part 1 indicates that an MBE quote was rejected because the Offeror is using a Non-MBE or is self-performing the Identified Items of Work. Provide the Identified Items Work, indicate whether the work will be self-performed or performed by a Non-MBE, and if applicable, state the name of the Non-MBE. Also include the names of all MBE and Non-MBE Firms that provided a quote and the amount of each quote.

<b>Describe Identified Items of Work Not Being Performed by MBE (Include spec/ section number from Proposal)</b>	<b>Self-performing or Using Non-MBE (Provide name)</b>	<b>Amount of Non-MBE Quote</b>	<b>Name of Other Firms who Provided Quotes &amp; Whether MBE or Non-MBE</b>	<b>Amount Quoted</b>	<b>Indicate Reason Why MBE Quote Rejected &amp; Briefly Explain</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-performing <input type="checkbox"/> Using Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> MBE <input type="checkbox"/> Non-MBE	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Price <input type="checkbox"/> Capabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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**OUTREACH EFFORTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Complete and submit this form within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award or actual award, whichever is earlier.

In conjunction with the Proposal submitted in response to Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_, I state the following:

1. Offeror identified subcontracting opportunities in these specific work categories:

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2. Attached to this form are copies of written solicitations (with Proposal instructions) used to solicit certified MBE firms for these subcontract opportunities.

3. Offeror made the following attempts to personally contact the solicited MDOT-certified MBE firms:

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4. **Please Check One:**

- This project does not involve bonding requirements.
- Offeror assisted MDOT-certified MBE firms to fulfill or seek waiver of bonding requirements. (DESCRIBE EFFORTS):

5. **Please Check One:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Offeror did attend the Pre-Proposal conference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No pre -Proposal meeting/conference was held.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offeror did not attend the pre-Proposal conference.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Company:

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Company Name (please print or type)

By:

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Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name:

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Printed Name

Title:

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Title

Date:

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Date

Address:

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Company Address:

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**CERTIFIED MBE SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**PRIME CONTRACTOR:** After completing SECTIONS A, B, and D, provide this form to *each* certified Minority Business Enterprise subcontractor (MBE) listed on the MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A) allowing sufficient time for the MBE to respond within the required timeframe.

**CERTIFIED MBE SUBCONTRACTOR:** Complete SECTION C to acknowledge and certify the information in SECTION A. Return the completed form directly to the Procurement Officer identified in SECTION D within 10 days after notice from the Prime Contractor of the State’s intent to award the Contract. Provide a copy to the Prime Contractor.

***IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DETERMINE THAT THE PRIME CONTRACTOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT AWARD.***

**SECTION A**

Provided that (Prime Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation Number \_\_\_\_\_, (Prime Contractor) \_\_\_\_\_ intends to enter into a subcontract with (Certified MBE Subcontractor) \_\_\_\_\_ with MDOT Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ committing to participation by (Certified MBE Subcontractor) \_\_\_\_\_ of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which equals \_\_\_\_\_% of the Total Contract Value for the following products/services:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE)	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES

The Contractor and certified MBE each acknowledge that, for purposes of determining the accuracy of the information provided herein, the Procurement Officer may request additional information, including, without limitation, copies of the subcontract agreements and quotes. The Contractor and certified MBE each solemnly affirms under the penalties of perjury that: (i) the information provided in this Certified MBE Subcontractor Participation Certification is true to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, and (ii) it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise law, State Finance and Procurement Article §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a Contractor may not identify a certified MBE in a Bid/Proposal and:

- (1) fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the MBE to identify the MBE in its Bid/Proposal;
- (2) fail to notify the MBE before execution of the Contract of its inclusion of the Bid/Proposal;
- (3) fail to use the MBE in the performance of the Contract; or
- (4) pay the MBE solely for the use of its name in the Bid/Proposal.

**PAGE 2 – CERTIFIED MBE SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION  
CERTIFICATION**

<b>SECTION B – Prime Contractor</b>	<b>SECTION C – Certified MBE Subcontractor</b>
Signature of Representative: _____	Signature of Representative: _____
Printed Name and Title: _____	Printed Name and Title: _____
Prime Firm's Name: _____	MBE Firm's Name: _____
Federal Identification Number: _____	Federal Identification Number: _____
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____	Street Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

<p><b>SECTION D</b></p> <p><i>This completed form is due to the Procurement Officer on or before: _____</i></p> <p>Solicitation #: _____ Solicitation Title: _____</p> <p>Agency/Dept.: _____ Procurement Officer: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Street Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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**D-3B**  
**MBE PRIME PROJECT PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION**

**Please complete and submit this form to attest to each specific item of work that your MBE firm has listed on the MBE Participation Schedule (Attachment D-1A) for purposes of meeting the MBE participation goals. This form must be submitted within 10 Business Days of notification of apparent award. If the Offeror fails to return this affidavit within the required time, the Procurement Officer may determine that Proposal is not susceptible of being selected for Contract award.**

Provided that \_\_\_\_\_ (Prime Contractor's Name) with Certification Number \_\_\_\_\_ is awarded the State contract in conjunction with Solicitation No. \_\_\_\_\_, such MBE Prime Contractor intends to perform with its own forces at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which equals to \_\_\_\_% of the Total Contract Amount for performing the following goods and services for the Contract:

NAICS CODE	WORK ITEM, SPECIFICATION NUMBER, LINE ITEMS OR WORK CATEGORIES (IF APPLICABLE) For Construction Projects, General Conditions must be listed separately	DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES	VALUE OF THE WORK

**MBE Prime Contractor**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

*Company Name (please print or type)*

FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

*Federal Identification Number*

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Authorized Representative*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Maryland Stadium Authority's Contract Compliance System

### SYSTEM ACCESS

Vendor Account Look Up:

Find your account and retrieve your password at

<https://mdstadiversitycompliance.com/FrontEnd/UserSearchPublic.asp>

### CONTRACT COMPLIANCE & REPORTING

#### For Prime Contractor

Prime contractors receive regular reporting notices by email. Simply click the link provided to log in, and enter payments made to the list of subcontractors displayed.

#### For Subcontractors

Once the prime contractor reports their payments, an email notice is sent to each subcontractor.

The subcontractor clicks the link provided to log in, and then confirms the payment reported by the prime has been received.

#### Additional Contractor Benefits

Immediate visibility to contract goal achievement at the overall contract level.

Visibility to subcontractors that may not be reporting in a timely basis. Integrated messaging to support communication with your contract compliance officer.

Online subcontractor addition/substitution request process.

#### Getting Started with Subcontractor Utilization Reporting

An email with instructions will be sent to contractors when online reporting starts.

Before then you can determine if an account has been set up for your company through the Account Lookup link on the portal.

#### D-4A

**MSA uses the B2G -MBE Compliance website for reporting  
Minority Business Enterprise Participation Prime Contractor  
Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**

#### D-4B

**MSA uses the B2G -MBE Compliance website for reporting  
Minority Business Enterprise Participation MBE Prime  
Contractor Report**

#### D-5

**MSA uses the B2G -MBE Compliance website for reporting  
Minority Business Enterprise Participation MBE  
Subcontractor Paid/Unpaid Invoice Report**