

REVISED MBE/WBE GOALS FOR CERTAIN STATE FUNDED BUILDING PROJECTS

Pursuant to M.G.L. c 7, §40N and M.G.L. c. 7, §61, the Supplier Diversity Office (“SDO”) (formerly SOMWBA) and the Division of Capital Asset Management (“DCAM”) have set revised participation goals for Minority Business Enterprise (“MBE”) and Women Business Enterprise (“WBE”) participation for affected state funded building projects and state assisted municipal building projects as defined in the above referenced laws and related Executive Orders, including Executive Orders 524 and 526.

Effective January 1, 2012, and until such time as the goals may be revised, the MBE and WBE participation goals for building construction and design awards and expenditures on new projects advertised on or after the effective date will be a combined MBE/WBE goal as follows:

10.4% combined MBE/WBE participation on construction contract awards; and,
17.9% combined MBE/WBE participation on design contract awards.

Overall annual designations by awarding authorities, as well as MBE/WBE participation on individual projects with a combined MBE/WBE participation goal, must include a reasonable representation of both MBE **and** WBE firms that meets or exceeds the combined goal. Proposed MBE/WBE participation plans that include solely MBE or solely WBE participation, or do not include a reasonable amount of participation by both MBE and WBE firms to meet the combined goal, will not be considered responsive. Where the prime contractor or designer is an SDO certified MBE or WBE, the prime must bring a reasonable amount of participation by a firm or firms that hold the certification which is not held by the prime contractor or designer on the project. Proposed participation on construction projects or design projects which consists solely of either an MBE or WBE representing 100% of the overall combined goal will not be considered reasonable participation.

The SDO and DCAM will determine whether there is reasonable participation by both MBE and WBE firms on individual projects under their respective oversight. Firms submitting MBE/WBE participation plans which do not provide reasonable participation by both MBE/WBE firms shall be provided an opportunity to revise and resubmit their plans within the time frame set by the awarding authority; however no price adjustments shall be permitted as a result of the revised plan. Firms failing to submit an MBE/WBE participation plan deemed reasonable and accepted by the awarding authority shall not be awarded the contract.

Participation by MBE and WBE firms must be documented, tracked and reported on separately as MBE participation and WBE participation by prime vendors, subcontractors and awarding authorities.