

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Empire State Development 2017 NYS Regional MWBE Expos

The NYS Regional MWBE Expos will connect MWBEs with New York State agencies, expert resources, information on state projects and tools to access state opportunities. This Expo series aims to build on momentum and connect talented businesses with the tools, resources and support needed to grow and succeed.

To register go to: <http://bit.ly/2ptyUIX>

North Country

Thursday, May 18
Clinton Community College
Stafford Technology Center
136 Clinton Point Drive
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Southern Tier

Thursday, June 1
The Clemens Center
207 Clemens Center Parkway
Elmira, NY 14901

Central New York

Thursday, June 22
The Oncenter
800 South State Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

The Department of Small Business Services Monthly Training Workshops

Join the Department of Small Business Services' Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise Program (MWBE) Certification workshop conducted by trained certification analysts who will guide through the certification process so you can get your application right the first time! This workshop is held the first week of every month at 2:00 p.m. (day class) or 6:00 p.m. (evening class). They alternate each month.

To sign up for a course, email: businesssolutions@sbs.nyc.gov.

Manhattan

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 2017
2:00 p.m.

Brooklyn

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017
2:00 p.m.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation MWBE Procurement Fair

Join the NYC Department Parks and Recreation for a panel discussion regarding

procurement opportunities and how to do business with the City of New York.

For questions please contact, Alicia Williams:
dmwbe.capital@parks.nyc.gov

To register go to:
<http://bit.ly/2pxGSP1>

Thursday, May 18, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Roy Wilkins Recreation Center
177th St. & Baisley Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11434

Pace University Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The Pace University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is again partnering with Turner Construction to offer the MWBE & Small Business Contractor Training Program. The program focus is on building the capacity of MWBE firms and other small business in the construction or related (eg. architecture, engineering) fields, and includes topics such as insurance & bonding, responding to an RFP, estimating, bidding and procurement.

This free workshop series kicks off on May 9th, and meets every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for seven weeks.

To register go to: <http://bit.ly/2oYZNgZ>

May 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22

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For the most up to date information, you can go to the Assemblymember's online MWBE Resource Center at: nyassembly.gov/member_files/042/mwbe_new/
The website is updated on an ongoing basis.



MWBE

Minority-And Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Spring 2017 Update

Provided by Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte

Message from Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Dear Friends,

This year is a critical year as Article 15-A of the Executive Law, "participation by minority group members and women with respect to state contracts," expires on December 31, 2017. This statute provides the framework for the MWBE certification and procurement program, and establishes targeted goals for sourcing of services and commodities by certified MWBE businesses is scheduled to expire. The findings of the disparity study will continue to inform the statute. As Chair of the Subcommittee on the Oversight of Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises, I will be working closely with my colleagues in government and the executive branch to ensure that the study is delivered on time.

Some highlights of how strides for MWBEs have been made throughout New York State are:

- Both the City and State announced the launch of new loan funds to help MWBEs gain access to capital and grow their businesses; the \$10 Million Loan Fund by the City; and the "Bridge to Success" loan program which will invest \$20 million announced by Empire State Development (ESD);
- A more streamlined application for M/WBE certification and a separate, more accessible and user-friendly M/WBE certification application for small businesses owned and operated by sole proprietors;
- The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) awarding nearly \$80 million in projects to M/WBE construction management firms; and
- The NYS Surety Bond Assistance Program (NYSBAP) which provides technical and financial assistance to help contractors secure surety bonding.

Though we have made great strides, there is still much to be done on a statewide level.

Should you have any questions about MWBEs, please contact my office at 718-940-0428 or go to my website: nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte, where you will find an MWBE page that will have the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

Rodneyse Bichotte
Member of the NYS Assembly



OPPORTUNITIES

The Albany County Airport Authority

The Albany County Airport Authority hereby solicits sealed bids for:

Contract No. 937-DEM for
Demolition of Two Abandoned Masonry Water Storage Structures
at 758 Albany Shaker Road at Albany International Airport

For additional information visit: <http://flyalbany.com/airport-authority/Legal-notice> at www.flyalbany.com or call (518) 242-2214

The NYC Department of Education (DOE)

The NYC Department of Education (DOE) is committed to ensuring that MWBEs have an equal opportunity to compete for DOE procurement opportunities. To learn more about how to do business with the DOE and view current procurement opportunities, please go to <http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/DCP/Vendor/Default.html>

City University of New York Brooklyn College

Whitehead Hall Window Replacement and Associated Asbestos Abatement – REBID

CR14 – General Construction; Project Number: 2907509999

Sealed bids for the above work located at **Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210** will be received by DASNY at its office located at 515 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207.

Each bid must be identified on the outside of the envelope, with the name and address of the bidder and designated a bid for the project titled above. When a sealed bid is placed inside another delivery jacket, the bid delivery jacket must be clearly marked on the outside **“BID ENCLOSED”** and **“ATTENTION: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.”** DASNY will not be responsible for receipt of bids which do not comply with these instructions. **Only those bids in the hands of DASNY, available to be read at 2:00 p.m. local time on June 6, 2017 will be considered.** Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid results can be viewed at DASNY’s website: <http://www.dasny.org>.

Designated staff for this solicitation is:
Norberto Dolores, DASNY, Brooklyn College –DASNY Field Office Trailers
2900 Bedford Avenue; Brooklyn, New York 11210
718-421-2621 and DASNY at ccontracts@dasny.org.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on **Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

DASNY Field Office at Brooklyn College
2900 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11210

Contact: Norberto Dolores at 718-421-2621

All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

State University of New York

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center will receive sealed Proposals for:

Project No.13-084/SUCF titled: “Labor, Delivery & Transplant Roof Replacement” until 2:00 p.m. local time on **Monday, May 1, 2017.**

Submit bids to the office of:

Mr. Frantz Poyau, Purchase Associate, Contracts and Procurement
SUNY Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 113; Brooklyn, New York 11203

The proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud at **811 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203, Conference Room # 2-11.** Complete sets of Contract Documents for bidding may be obtained from Mr. Frantz Poyau, Purchase Associate, Contracts and Procurement Department, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 113, Brooklyn, NY 11203, Tel: (718) 613-8724, email: frantz.poyau@downstate.edu

Central New York Regional Transportation Authority

The Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (“CNYRTA” or “Authority”) is requesting bids from professional organizations to provide Background Investigative Services. The CNYRTA has established a 30% M/WBE goal on this contract – 15% MBE and 15% WBE.

Individuals or firms who desire to submit a bid may request an “Invitation to Bid Package” from:

Caitlin MacCollum, Senior Buyer and Designated Contact
in writing at fax number: 315-442-3301
Mailing address: Central New York Regional Transportation Authority
PO Box 820, Syracuse, New York 13205 or e-mail: cmaccollum@centro.org.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m./EST at CNYRTA, 200 Cortland Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13205.** RSVP is requested by **April 11, 2017** to Caitlin MacCollum, Senior Buyer by fax at 315-442-3301 or cmaccollum@centro.org.

Bids must be received in the offices of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority, attention Caitlin MacCollum, Senior Buyer **no later than 1:00 p.m./EST on April 26, 2017.** Bids received after this time and date will be returned, unopened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NYS Democratic Conference MWBE Task Force

Senator James Sanders, Jr, Chair

On Thursday, March 2nd, Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins announced that Senator James Sanders will lead the Senate Minority Conference’s newly formed Task Force on Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE). Serving on the Task Force are Senator Jamaal Bailey, Senator Leroy

Comrie, Senator Martin Malave Dilan, Senator Todd Kaminsky, Senator Kevin Parker, Senator Gustavo Rivera, and Senator Toby Stavisky. The MWBE Task Force will work to find innovative ways to better encourage and support MWBEs as a valuable part of growing our economy.

New York City Small Business Services Contract Financing Loan Fund

If your business is working as a prime or subcontractor on a project with a City agency or the NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), you may be eligible for a Contract Financing Loan. Loan repayment terms align with the contract payment schedule. Loans of up to \$500,000 at an interest rate of 3% APR are available to eligible businesses. Closing fees apply. For more information go to: nyc.gov/contractfinancing

RESOURCES

STATE

Office of the State Comptroller

www.osc.state.ny.us/procurement/mwbe.htm

The website provides information on the NYS MWBE Certification Process; state contracting; subcontracting and purchasing opportunities for MWBEs; and resources MWBEs need to pursue state business opportunities.

New York State Procurement

<https://nyspro.ogs.ny.gov/>

NYS’ central procurement office, this website provides information on establishing and managing contracts for goods and services.

Empire State Development

esd.ny.gov/MWBE.html

The Empire State Development webpage includes information on the Division of Minority and Women’s Business Development.

<http://www.nyfirst.ny.gov/ResourceCenter/Business/FinancialAssistance/BusinessFinancing.html>

Offers links for programs related to business financing such as tax-based incentives, operational support, innovation support, growth support, MWBEs, small businesses and RFPs.

Division of Service-Disabled Veterans’ Business Development

ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp

The website includes information for veteran business owners to become certified as New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) and guidelines to assist and promote the compliance of SDVOB participation in the state’s procurement activities.

NYS Contract System

www.ny.newnycontracts.com

The website is the gateway to attract and grow minority-owned and women-owned businesses, and provide a directory for all MWBE’s in the state.

New York State Contract Reporter

www.nyscr.ny.gov

NYS’ official source of contracting opportunities, this website has information or contacts to bid on, advertising opportunities, the New York State Business Registry and tips on doing business with New York State.

LOCAL

NYC MWBE Certification

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/minority-and-womenowned-business-enterprise-certification-program-mwbe>

The Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Certification Program connects certified businesses with opportunities to sell their products and services to New York City agencies. The program’s goal is to promote fairness and equity in City procurement processes by providing services designed to strengthen the ability of certified M/WBEs to increase their capacity and effectively contribute to the City’s economy.

NYC Department of Small Business Services

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/procurement/mwbe.shtml>

This website provides information on MWBE Certification in NYC, as well as new and existing contracting opportunities.

New York City Department of Design and Construction

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/mwbe/mwbe.page>

The Office of Diversity and Industry Relations develops policies to support minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) and fosters relationships with industry partners.

Nassau County Long Island MWBE Program

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1735/MWBE-PROGRAM>

The website provides information on how to become MWBE-certified in Nassau County as well as the fast-track program.

Suffolk County Long Island MWBE Program

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Business/WomenandMinorityBusiness.aspx>

The website provides information on how to become MWBE-certified in Suffolk County as well as resources for access to capital.

County of Westchester

mwbe.westchestergov.com

This website provides information on the county of Westchester’s Minority and Women Business Enterprises Program.

Erie County Equal Employment Opportunity

www2.erie.gov/eeo/

This website provides information on the MWBE Certification process in Erie County.

City of Syracuse

syrgov.net/supplier_diversity.aspx

This website provides information on the City of Syracuse’s MWBE Participation Program.

City of Rochester

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/mwbe>

This website provides information the City of Rochester’s MWBE utilization plan.

City of Albany

<http://www.albanyny.org/Government/Departments/HumanResources/MinorityWomenOwnedBusinessEnterprises.aspx>

This website provides information on the City of Albany’s MWBE Participation Program.

