

1. MOA McGowan asked about outreach to small businesses and local business associations.

Response: *OGS manages the process for eligible Veteran business owners to get certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB). The goal of the program is to encourage and support eligible SDVOBs to play a greater role in the state's economy by increasing their participation in New York State's contracting opportunities. OGS is responsible for certifying eligible SDVOBs and assisting and promoting their participation in the state's procurement activities. OGS can provide overviews for businesses are interested in participating in the SDVOB certification process.*

OGS participates in a number of conferences to share information about our procurement opportunities, and how to do business with the State, including VetCon, GovBuy conference, and the annual NYS MWBE Forum.

You can find out more information through our Procurement Guide: https://ogs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/11/doing_business_with_nys_11-22-21.pdf

2. MOA Woerner, Sen. Ryan, Chair Krueger, and Sen. Cooney asked about the status of the decommissioned escalators in the LOB, including the possibility of boxing them off.

Response: *When the escalators in the LOB were decommissioned over a decade ago, OGS reviews found that removal and restoration of the escalators would be cost-prohibitive, with no benefit from salvaging the escalator parts. OGS is reviewing options and associated costs of walling off, removing, and/or encapsulating the escalators, including integrating design features to conform with the architecture of the LOB.*

3. MOA Gray asked about a decommissioned psychiatric facility in his district at Ogdensburg. He also asked us to lead EV transition by example, beginning with the Executive and Legislative fleet.

Response:

The St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg is under the jurisdiction of the Office of Mental Health, and consists of two parcels. Special Legislation passed by Senator Ritchie in 2013 enabled the Town of Ogdensburg to purchase one of the parcels at fair market value. However, conveyance has not yet occurred. The other parcel is considered "landlocked," and can only be accessed by active OMH roadways. We have received a follow-up letter from MOA Gray, and will respond to him directly.

Response on fleet: OGS is issuing guidance for all Executive agencies to detail, by the end of this year, a Conversion Plan for the identification of milestones to transition the State Fleet to 100% Zero Emission Vehicles as part of our Leading By Example initiative under EO 22. We aim to rapidly transition these vehicles with considerations for use cases and market availability. Additionally, we are working to get the required charging infrastructure in place at critical locations that will enable for the accelerated uptake of ZEVs, including within the Executive and Legislative fleets.

4. MOAs Jackson and Lucas asked for demographically disaggregated MWBE utilization rates.

Response: OGS' current MWBE utilization rate is 33.61% (15.75% MBE, 17.86% WBE), exceeding the Governor's goal of 30%. OGS is focused on promoting OGS contracting opportunities for MWBEs, eliminating barriers to participation, and ensuring that OGS meets statewide MWBE utilization targets. Empire State Development may be able to provide a more thorough demographic breakdown across more agencies.