

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE February 7, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **M/WBE Participation for February 12, 2020 Council Agenda**

It is the mission of the Office of Business Diversity to ensure non-discriminatory practices and eliminate barriers while resourcing businesses to the next step in their business life cycle. The policy of the City of Dallas is to use certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) to the greatest extent feasible on the City's construction, procurement, and professional services contracts. For your information, staff is providing you with the summary below of M/WBE participation for the voting items scheduled for the February 12, 2020 City Council Agenda. The total contract award amount, consisting of 7 agenda items is \$11.9M. **M/WBE is applicable to 5 of the 7 agenda items. For these items, construction and architectural and engineering items total \$2.0M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$708K or 34.89%, while goods and services items were procured through cooperative purchasing agreements, therefore, do not have applicable M/WBE goals.**

As a reminder, the current M/WBE goals are:

Architecture & Engineering	Construction	Professional Services	Other Services	Goods
25.66%	25.00%	36.30%	23.80%	18.00%

2017 Bond Program – February 12th Council Agenda

The Office of Business Diversity continues to work diligently with the Bond Program Office to ensure, not only that the M/WBE goals are met, but to also include diverse teams on the bond program projects. This agenda includes five agenda items that are funded by 2017 bond funds. **These five items total \$2.6M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$623K or 24.28%.**

2017 Bond Program Year to Date consists of 198 items totaling \$338.7M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$146M or 43.12%.

Highlighted Items:

Construction Material Testing Services

Agenda Item No. 8 Authorize a professional services contract in the amount of \$150K with Alpha Testing, Inc. to provide construction material testing services during the construction of five Alley Reconstruction Groups. **This item includes participation from one M/WBE vendor resulting in \$38K participation or 25.66% M/WBE participation on a 25.66% goal.**

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Exterior Restoration – Sammons Center for the Arts

Agenda Item No. 9 Authorize a construction contract in the amount of \$734K for the exterior restoration of the Sammons Center for the Arts. **This item includes participation from one M/WBE vendor resulting in \$201K participation or 27.44% M/WBE participation on a 25.00% goal.**

Martin Weiss Park Loop Trail Construction

Agenda Item No. 24 Authorize a construction contract in the amount of \$582K for the Martin Weiss Park Loop Trail. **This item includes participation from five M/WBE vendors resulting in \$151K participation or 25.98% M/WBE participation on an 25.00% goal.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or should you require additional information.



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