

Temporary Cessation of Business Inclusion & Development (BID) Policy - FAQs

FAQs for Vendors

1. Does this mean I no longer need to be M/WBE certified to do business with the City?

Certification is not required but still encouraged. OPS will provide recommendations to the City Council for consideration to establish a Small and Local Business Program that prioritizes economic impact and expands opportunity for small businesses across our community.

2. I submitted a proposal under the old BID requirements—will it still be evaluated the same way?

The city is reviewing solicitations that have closed but not yet awarded. The City will not enforce BID requirements until further notice. If you have submitted a proposal and the solicitation is open, you can expect to receive an addendum notice removing BID requirements. If you have already submitted your proposal, you may retrieve and update your proposal prior to the close date.

3. Can I still submit my company to be listed as an M/WBE with the City?

Yes. The City will continue to accept and encourage professional certifications through recognized agencies (NCTRCA, DFWMSDC, WBC).

4. Will there still be networking events or outreach opportunities for M/WBEs?

The City will continue offering outreach and capacity-building programs. These opportunities are open to all businesses, regardless of certification status, to maintain engagement with the broader business community.

5. How will this affect my ability to win contracts?

Awards will be based on criteria such as price, qualifications, and responsiveness. M/WBE participation will not be factored into evaluation or scoring during this period.

6. Do I still need to submit required contract documents related to the BID Policy?

No, M/WBE utilization will not be tracked or enforced. However, the City's B2Gnow contract compliance system will remain active, and vendors may continue to report M/WBE participation on a voluntary basis. Reporting will not be mandatory during this period, and no compliance actions will be taken based on reported or unreported data.

Please note that financial reporting for all subcontractor/subconsultant payments will still be required to ensure compliance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2251 Payment for Goods and Services.

7. Do we still submit BID forms with our solicitations?

No. The BID forms and documentation listed below will not be required or reviewed.

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- a. Pre-Bid/Proposal Cover Memo (BID-FRM-622)
- b. Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Form (BID-FRM-623)
- c. Workforce Composition Form (BID-FRM-627)
- d. Contractor's Affidavit – Scope of Work & Actual Payment (BID-FRM-213)
- e. Subcontractor Intent Form (BID-FRM-214)

The following OPS forms and documents should be included with all open solicitations, until further notice.

- a. Contractor's Affidavit – Schedule of Work and Actual Payments (OPS-FRM-240)
- b. Team Make-up and Local Workforce Form (OPS-FRM-640)

8. Will the Business Enterprise Hub still provide subcontractor listings to private businesses/developers/property owners?

BEH will continue to provide subcontractor listings based on commodity code. All subcontractors registered in the City's B2Gnow system will be on the list.

9. Can departments continue to utilize on-call/job order contracts?

Yes, any contracts executed prior to the temporary cessation of the BID Policy remain valid and enforceable. However, enforcement of BID provisions is ceased.