

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 7, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **M/WBE Participation for August 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 August 12, 2020 City Council Agenda. The total contract award amount, consisting of 13 agenda items, is \$26.1M. **M/WBE is applicable to eight of the 13 agenda items. For these items, construction and architectural and engineering items total \$6.7M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$2.7M or 39.83%, while goods and services items total \$16.1M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$881K or 5.47%. Goods and service items have less opportunities for M/WBE participation due to the specialized nature of the specifications, and participation on those contracts is limited to availability of M/WBE vendors.**

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%

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Below is a summary of local business for primes and subs as well as the workforce utilization for prime contractors. In addition to the local information provided below, you can find the local status for each prime contractor under the M/WBE information section of the agenda information sheet. Also, the local status for each prime contractor and the percentage of local workforce is included in the agenda information sheet.

Local Business

This agenda consists of 13 agenda items being awarded to multiple prime contractors and subcontractors. This agenda has a total of 15 M/WBE subcontractors. 11 or 73.33% of the M/WBE subcontractors are local. The table below provides the count of businesses by location for prime contractors and M/WBE subcontractors.

Vendor	Local		Dallas County		Non-Local		Total
Prime	5	35.71%	1	7.14%	8	57.14%	14
M/WBE Sub	11	73.33%	0	0.00%	4	26.67%	15

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Local Workforce

This agenda consists of 13 agenda items with a total of 14 prime contractors (one agenda item has two prime contractors). **7 prime contractors or 50.00% of the prime contractors reported a local workforce composition greater than 20.00%.**

2017 Bond Program – August 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 does not include any items that are funded by 2017 bond funds.**

2017 Bond Program – Inception to Date

2017 Bond Program ITD consists of 235 items totaling \$424.3M with an overall M/WBE participation of \$166.3M \$184.1 or 43.40%.

Highlighted Items:

Major Maintenance Rehabilitation and Improvements – Dallas Water Utilities

Agenda Item No. 38 Authorizes a professional services contract in the amount of \$3.5M with Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc. (dba Plummer Associates) to provide engineering services for major maintenance rehabilitation and improvements at Dallas Water Utilities Water Treatment Plants. **This item includes participation from four M/WBE vendors, resulting in \$1.8M participation or 51.22% M/WBE participation on an 25.00% goal.**

Professional Service Contract for Major Maintenance at Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant – Dallas Water Utilities

Agenda Item No. 39 Authorizes a professional services contract in the amount of \$2.3M with Gresham Smith to provide engineering services for investigation, preliminary design, development of construction plans and specifications, bid phase services, construction administration and start-up associated with the major maintenance at Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant. **This item includes participation from two M/WBE vendors, resulting in \$637K participation or 28.33% 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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