

**INFORMATION REGARDING
THE USE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
(MBE/WBE)**

**Procedures for Implementation of 40 CFR Part 31.136(e)
(Minority Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise)**

Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions of the Federal policy to award a fair share of subagreements to minority and women's businesses. The bidder commits itself to taking affirmative actions contained herein, prior to submission of bids or proposals.

Affirmative Actions

1. When feasible, segmenting total work requirements to permit maximum MBE/WBE participation.
2. Assuring that MBEs and WBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources of goods or services. This activity may include:
 - a. Sending letters or making other personal contacts with MBEs and WBEs (contact CDBG for website information) or other MBE/WBEs known to the bidder. MBEs and WBEs should be contacted when other potential subcontractors are contacted, within reasonable time (fifteen days) prior to bid submission or closing date for receipt of initial offers. Those letters or other contacts should communicate the following:
 - i. Specific description of the work to be subcontracted;
 - ii. How and where to obtain a copy of plans and specifications or other detailed information needed to prepare a detailed price quotation;
 - iii. Date quotation is due to the bidder;
 - iv. Name, address, and phone number of the person in the bidder's firm whom the prospective MBE/WBE subcontractor should contact for additional information.
 - b. Sending letters or making other personal contacts with local, state, Federal, and private agencies and MBE/WBE associations relevant to the project. Such contacts should provide the same information provided in the direct contacts to MBE and WBE firms.
3. Establishing delivery schedules, if feasible, which will encourage participation by MBEs and WBEs.

Determination of Compliance

It is to be noted that bidders must demonstrate compliance with MBE/WBE requirements to be deemed responsible. Demonstration of compliance shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of MBE/WBEs expected to perform work;
2. Work to be performed by the MBEs and WBEs;
3. Aggregate dollar amount of work to be performed by MBEs and WBEs, showing aggregate to MBEs and aggregate to WBEs separately;
4. Description of contacts to MBE and WBE organizations, agencies, and associates which serve MBE/WBEs, including names of organizations, agencies, and associations, and date of contacts;

5. Description of contacts to MBEs and WBEs, including number of contacts, fields, (i.e. equipment or material supplier, excavators, transport services, electrical subcontractors, plumbers, etc.) and date of contacts.

To demonstrate compliance, all bidders must complete the following Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Utilization Worksheet and submit it to the Owner with their bid.