

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Certified MBE/WBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit
(FORM A)

**This document must be completed and submitted with Bid/Proposal to Baltimore County.*

NOTE: If you do not complete and submit this form with your bid or offer to the County, the County may, in its sole discretion, deem your bid or offer NON-RESPONSIVE and accordingly the COUNTY WILL NOT CONSIDER YOU FOR CONTRACT AWARD.

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I acknowledge the:

- The goals, if applicable, of:
 - _____ % for certified MBE-owned businesses and
 - _____ % for certified WBE-owned businesses.

I have made a good-faith effort to achieve this MBE/WBE requirement. If awarded the contract, I will comply with this MBE/WBE contract requirement and will continue to use my best efforts to increase MBE/WBE participation during the contract term.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX (EITHER 1, 2, OR 3)

NOTE: ANY INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN THIS FORM AND FORM B MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION MAY RENDER A BID NON-RESPONSIVE AND THE COUNTY WILL NOT CONSIDER YOU FOR CONTRACT AWARD.

1 Prime contractor has met the MBE/WBE contract requirements for this solicitation and contract. I submit the MBE/WBE Participation Form B and Form C, along with this Affidavit, which details how the prime contractor will achieve the contract requirements.

or

2 After having made a good-faith effort to achieve the MBE/WBE requirements, the prime contractor can only achieve partial success. I submit the MBE/WBE Participation Form B, Form C, Form D and Form E along with this Affidavit, which details how the prime contractor will partially achieve the contract requirements.

I request a partial waiver and will meet the following MBE/WBE participation goals:

- Partial waiver of MBE/WBE subcontract participation subgoals, if applicable:
 - _____ % for certified MBE-owned businesses and
 - _____ % for certified WBE-owned businesses.

or

3 After having made a good faith effort to achieve the MBE/WBE requirements for this contract, the prime contractor is unable to achieve the requirements and/or sub requirements for this contract. I submit the MBE/WBE Participation Form D and Form E, along with this Affidavit, which details the steps the prime contractor has taken in an attempt to achieve the contract requirements. Therefore, I request a full waiver.

IF YOU HAVE CHECKED BOX 2 OR 3, THE FOLLOWING IS APPLICABLE:

- 1) If a bidder is unable to comply with the goals established in a bid for a project, the bidder may submit a request for a waiver at the time of bid submission. However, occasions for granting waivers will be limited.

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- 2) The request for waiver shall include documentation that demonstrates the bidder's good faith efforts to comply with the goals, including:
- (I) Signed unavailability statements from all MBEs and WBEs that the bidder solicited for participation; and
 - (II) Copies of solicitation documentation to all potential subcontractors, including:
 - (a) Emails, letters, facsimile transmittals and confirmations containing plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed and meeting notes and agendas clearly identifying the certified MBE or WBE classification and dates that the bidder contacted each; and
 - (b) Telephone logs containing names, addresses, dates, telephone numbers, work to be performed, anticipated time schedule and classification of certified MBEs and WBEs contacted.

As I have checked Box 2 or 3 of this Affidavit, I understand I must submit the following supporting documentation with the bid:

- *MBE/WBE Participation Schedule* (Form B)
- *MBE/WBE Disclosure and Participation Statement* (Form C)
- *MBE/WBE Subcontractors Unavailable Certificate* (Form D) (if applicable)
- *MBE/WBE Outreach Efforts – Compliance Statement* (Form E)
- Any other documentation in accordance with Section 6 (E) Bid Requirements of the attached Executive Order.

I acknowledge that the MBE/WBE subcontractors/suppliers listed on the *MBE/WBE Participation Schedule* (Form B) will be used to accomplish the percentage of MBE/WBE participation that the prime contractor shall achieve.

In the solicitation of subcontract quotations or offers, MBE/WBE subcontractors were provided the same information and amount of time to respond, as were non-MBE/WBE subcontractors.

The solicitation process was conducted in such a manner so as to not place MBE/WBE subcontractors at a competitive disadvantage to non-MBE/WBE subcontractors.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that this Affidavit is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Bidder/Offeror Name

Phone Number

Address

Affiant Signature

Address (continued)

Printed Name & Title

E-mail address

Date