

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE
MWBE COMPLIANCE FORM**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE) PROGRAM

Article 15-A of the NYS Executive law was enacted on July 19, 1988, to promote equality of economic opportunities for MWBEs and to eliminate barriers to their participation in state contracting.

The contract's specific MWBE goals can be identified in the RFP, RFA and/or the budget page in applicable contracts. All applicable contracts, including contracts supported with federal funding which do not have a DBE component, are assessed for MWBE goals.

For grants, certain items are exempted from the goal calculation. These include:

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| ✓ Personal services (i.e. payments to staff for labor), staff benefits, training | ✓ Utilities, postage, telephones | ✓ Certain rentals and repairs |
| ✓ Travel reimbursements | ✓ Sole source contracts | ✓ Unemployment insurance and tuition reimbursement |
| | ✓ Operating transfers | |

Note: The portion of matching fund/local share is not included in the goal calculation.

Your responsibilities under Article 15-A are:

1. To Make Good Faith Efforts (GFE)

You will be required to make "GFE" to provide meaningful participation to MWBEs as subcontractors or suppliers in the performance of contracts.

Documentation of GFE includes, but is not limited to (**5 NYCRR §142.8**):

- Evidence of outreach to MWBEs: mail, email, phone calls and follow up;
- Written responses by MWBEs to the grantee/vendor's outreach;
- Copies of search(es) of the directory and advertisements for participation by MWBEs in appropriate general circulation, trade, and minority or women-oriented publications;
- Attendance at any pre-bid, pre-award, or other meetings, if any, scheduled by the grantee with MWBEs including dates and location;
- Information describing specific steps undertaken to reasonably structure the contract scope of work to maximize opportunities for MWBE participation; and
- Information describing non-MWBE subcontractors' efforts to engage MWBEs to undertake part of the project's work or to procure equipment/ materials/supplies.

2. Required MWBE Reporting for Contracts with Utilization Goals

Within ten days of receipt of the award notification from DOS, submit:

1. Form A
2. Form B (for contracts > \$250,000)
3. Form D or D-1.

For non-federally funded contracts, once the contract is executed, set up an account in the New York State Contract System (system) to:

- Submit MWBE utilization plan (if required)
- Report MWBE utilization
- Track and monitor transaction on the contract.

Throughout the contract term:

- Report MWBE utilization through the system OR submit Form F - Quarterly MWBE Utilization

Waiver Request – Form E can be submitted if there are no opportunities for MWBE participation, or to demonstrate the GFE to meet the contractual goals.

Only the use of **New York State-certified** MWBEs will count towards meeting NYS contract goals:

- The NYS MWBE Directory is located at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp>

By signing, the applicant confirms that they understand the MWBE requirement, as summarized above, and agree to show due-diligence and to make good faith efforts to provide meaningful participation by MWBEs, whenever possible, if awarded the contract.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

