

Legislation Text

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Reference - Charlotte Business INclusion Program

The following excerpts from the City of Charlotte's Charlotte Business INclusion Administrative Procedures Manual are intended to provide further explanation for those agenda items that reference the Charlotte Business INclusion Program in the business meeting agenda.

Section 7.11 Small Business Market Strategy

Section 7.11: The Business Inclusion Officer may develop a market strategy for SBEs that may consist of setting aside certain classes or sizes of contracts for targeted Solicitations to SBEs.

Section 3.1 Contract Goals

Section 3.1.2: Contract Goals: One or more contract goals may be established for all Contracts of \$100,000 or more.

Section 3.1.3: Types of Contract Goals: A Contract Goal can be a (i) MWSBE Goal, (ii) MBE Goal, (iii) SBE Goal, (iv) WBE Goal, (v) MSBE Goal, (vi) WSBE Goal or (vii) MWBE Goal.

Section 3.1.4: Participation Plan for Specific City Agreements:

3.1.4.1: Participation Plans shall be used for Contracts using the Infrastructure Reimbursements Agreements, Developer Agreements, Financial Partner agreements, design-build construction delivery method, construction manager at-risk delivery method, and public-private partnership construction delivery method. The Business Inclusion Officer may require a Participation Plan for other Contracts not specified in this section.

3.1.4.2: The Business Inclusion Officer shall draft a Participation Plan describing what outreach and other efforts the Contractor will be required to undertake to meet the Contract Goals established for the Contract. Any revisions to a Participation Plan after submission shall be approved in writing by the Business Inclusion Officer.

Section 3.1.5: Negotiated Contract Goals:

3.1.5.1: The City may negotiate with a Business Enterprise regarding prospective MWSBE utilization on a Contract prior to its Solicitation. In such instances, the negotiation regarding any Contract Goals may involve scopes of work that are undefined prior to Solicitation but will consist of an overall City expenditure of funds that is known.

Section 3.1.6: No Contract Goals: Contract Goals will not be established on a Contract if (i) there are no MWSBEs to perform the work for the Contract or (ii) it is an Exempt Contract.

Section 8.0 Definitions

Section 8.15: Contract: Any written agreement between the City and Business Enterprise, or any modification thereof, obligating the Business Enterprise to furnish goods or services to the City or perform construction activities for the City. This term shall not include exempt contracts.

Section 8.21: Exempt Contracts: The following Contracts are exempt from all aspects of the CBI Program unless a Department elects otherwise:

8.21.1 Federal Funded Agreements: Contracts that are subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26 or any successor legislation.

8.21.2 Financial Partner Agreements: Contracts with a Financial Partner that has an existing

MWSBE program or DBE program that the Financial Partner uses regularly and can provide evidence thereof.

8.21.3 Interlocal Agreements: Contracts with other units of federal, state, or local government.

8.21.4 Legal Services: Contracts to provide legal services on behalf of the City or its employees or elected officials.

8.21.5 No Competitive Process: Contracts that are entered into without a competitive process, or entered into based on a competitive process administered by an entity other than the City, including but not limited to agreements that are entered into by sole sourcing, piggybacking, buying off the North Carolina State contract, buying from a competitive bidding group purchasing program as allowed under North Carolina General Statutes § 143-129(e)(3), or using the emergency procurement procedures established by the North Carolina General Statutes.

8.21.6 Real Estate Leasing and Acquisition: Contracts for the acquisition or lease of real estate.

8.21.7 Special Exemptions: Contracts where the Department and the Business Inclusion Officer agree that there was no discretion to hire an MWSBE including, but not limited to, payments or reimbursements to City employees or the procurement of utilities.

8.21.8 State Funded Agreements. Contracts that are subject to an MWBE Goal set by the State of North Carolina pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 143- 128.2

Section 5.0: Responsibilities After Contract Award

Section 5.4: New Subcontracting Opportunities

5.4.1: If a Contract has a previously unidentified opportunity for MWSBE participation or if a scope of work has been enlarged or increased, then the Contractor shall notify the Department Head.

5.4.2 Notice: Contractor shall promptly notify the Department Head of the new opportunity for MWSBE participation and whether existing MWSBE Subcontractors on the Contract can and/or will perform the new work.

5.4.3 Response: Upon receipt of the notice under Section 5.4.2, the Department Head shall notify the Contractor that (i) there will be no Supplemental Goal or (ii) there will be a Supplemental Goal based on MWSBE availability.

Section 7.12: Financial Partners

7.12.1 Exemption: If a Financial Partner currently administers a program for MWSBEs, then the Financial Partner may seek an exemption from the Business Inclusion Officer by communicating an intent to use the Financial Partner's existing program in lieu of adhering to the CBI Program. Determinations are made on a case-by-case basis by Business Inclusion Officer.

7.12.2 Contract Goals: A Financial Partner shall be subject to Section 3 (Goals) and Section 4 (Good Faith Efforts) if the Financial Partner has not been exempted pursuant to Section 7.11.1.