

Office of Economic and Small Business Requirements: CBE Goal Participation

- A. In accordance with the Broward County Business Opportunity Act of 2012, Section 1-81, Code of Ordinances, as amended (the "Business Opportunity Act"), the County Business Enterprise (CBE) Program is applicable to this contract. All Vendors responding to this solicitation are required to utilize CBE firms to perform the assigned participation goal for this contract.
- B. The CBE participation goal will be established based on the expected expenditure amount for the proposed scope of services for the project. The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) will not include alternate items, optional services or allowances when establishing the CBE participation goal. If the County subsequently chooses to award any alternate items, optional services or allowances as determined by OESBD and the Contract Administrator to be related to the scope of services, OESBD may apply the established CBE participation goal. In such an instance, the County will issue a written notice to the successful Vendor that the CBE participation goal will also apply to the alternate items, optional services or allowances. Vendor shall submit all required forms pertaining to its compliance with the CBE participation goal, as applicable. Failure by Vendor to submit the required forms may result in the rejection of Vendor's solicitation submittal prior to the award or failure to comply with the contract requirements may have an impact on the vendor performance evaluation post award, as applicable.
- C. CBE Program Requirements: Compliance with CBE participation goal requirements is a matter of responsibility; Vendor should submit all required forms and information with its solicitation submittal. If the required forms and information are not provided with the Vendor's solicitation submittal, then Vendor must supply the required forms and information no later than three (3) business days after request by OESBD. Vendor may be deemed non-responsible for failure to fully comply with CBE Program Requirements within these stated timeframes.
1. Vendor should include in its solicitation submittal a **Letter Of Intent Between Bidder/Offeror and County Business Enterprise (CBE) Subcontractor/Supplier** for each CBE firm the Vendor intends to use to achieve the assigned CBE participation goal. The form is available at the following link: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/Documents/CBELetterOfIntent.pdf>
 2. If Vendor is unable to attain the CBE participation goal, Vendor should include in its solicitation submittal an **Application for Evaluation of Good Faith Efforts** and all of the required supporting information. The form is available at the following link: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/WhatWeDo/Documents/GoodFaithEffortEval.pdf>
- D. OESBD maintains an online directory of CBE firms. The online directory is available for use by Vendors at <https://webapps4.broward.org/smallbusiness/sbdirectory.aspx>.
- E. For detailed information regarding the CBE Program contact the OESBD at (954) 357-6400 or visit the website at: <http://www.broward.org/EconDev/SmallBusiness/>
- F. If awarded the contract, Vendor agrees to and shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Business Opportunity Act and the CBE Program in the award and administration of the contract.

1. No party to this contract may discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or gender identity and expression in the performance of this contract.
2. All entities that seek to conduct business with the County, including Vendor or any Prime Contractors, Subcontractors, and Bidders, shall conduct such business activities in a fair and reasonable manner, free from fraud, coercion, collusion, intimidation, or bad faith. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of this solicitation, cessation of contract negotiations, revocation of CBE certification, and suspension or debarment from future contracts.
3. If Vendor fails to meet or make Good Faith Efforts (as defined in the Business Opportunity Act) to meet the CBE participation commitment (the "Commitment"), then Vendor shall pay the County liquidated damages in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the actual dollar amount by which Vendor failed to achieve the Commitment, up to a maximum amount of ten percent (10%) of the total contract amount, excluding costs and reimbursable expenses. An example of this calculation is stated in Section 1-81.7, Broward County Code of Ordinances.
4. Vendor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Business Opportunity Act in the award of this contract. Failure by Vendor to carry out any of these requirements shall constitute a material breach of the contract, which shall permit the County to terminate this contract or to exercise any other remedy provided under this contract, the Broward County Code of Ordinances, the Broward County Administrative Code, or other applicable laws, with all such remedies being cumulative.
5. Vendor shall pay its CBE subcontractors and suppliers, within fifteen (15) days following receipt of payment from the County, for all completed subcontracted work and supplies. If Vendor withholds an amount from CBE subcontractors or suppliers as retainage, such retainage shall be released and paid within fifteen (15) days following receipt of payment of retained amounts from the County.
6. Vendor understands that the County will monitor Vendor's compliance with the CBE Program requirements. Vendor must provide OESBD with a Monthly Utilization Report (MUR) to confirm its compliance with the Commitment agreed to in the contract; timely submission of the MUR every month throughout the term of the contract, including amendment and extension terms, is a condition precedent to the County's payment of Vendor under the contract.