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## **The New York City Department of Sanitation Announces Appointment of Chief Supplier Diversity Officer**

The New York City Department of Sanitation has announced the appointment of Kevin V.G. Wells, Esq. as Chief Supplier Diversity Officer. Wells will be responsible for directing and implementing policy and programs to increase opportunities for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) in agency contracts.



Wells will be working to standardize and streamline the process of identifying and utilizing M/WBEs on agency contract opportunities; market the agency's M/WBE program in the private sector to identify diverse vendors in the waste disposal and organics recycling areas; and increase the utilization of certified M/WBEs for the agency by creating initiatives that are innovative and sustainable. The Chief Supplier Diversity Officer will also work to continue to ensure that Departmental programs and processes are in accordance with the City's policies and procedures and all applicable regulations.

"Our Department is pleased to welcome Kevin as Chief Supplier Diversity Officer, a new position within the agency," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "We look forward to Kevin's expertise and leadership in this arena. He brings a wealth of experience, and we look forward to his work to diversify our suppliers and vendors."

"There are many opportunities for M/WBEs within the Department's many contracts opportunities," said Kevin V.G. Wells. "I am particularly focused on identifying diverse suppliers in the private sector that have various operations in the waste disposal industry and are not aware of the agency's contract opportunities as a certified M/WBE."

Prior to joining the Department of Sanitation, Wells practiced as an Environmental attorney and later focused on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs to include indigent businesses in global supply chains, then was Director of Responsible Economic Inclusion at the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development where he worked to ensure the agency's M/WBE compliance, and developed and implemented M/WBE outreach initiatives among other

duties. He was also was a senior director at Nima Hunter, Inc., and General Counsel / Director of M/WBE Compliance at The NY & NJ Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.

**About the New York City Department of Sanitation**

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 693 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.