



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 24

December 16, 2016

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of New York to promote economic growth in a manner that ensures that City residents and businesses from all communities and backgrounds can participate in and contribute to the economy of the City; and

WHEREAS, although Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises ("M/WBEs") are strong drivers of economic growth, creating jobs and investing in local communities, they have not historically been awarded contracts at a level commensurate with their representation in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in addressing income inequality and ensuring that City procurement reflects the diversity of the business owners of New York City;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Establishment of the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises. There is hereby established, under the direction of the Office of the Mayor, an Office of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (hereinafter the "Office"). The Mayor shall appoint a head of the Office.

§2. Duties of the Office. The Office shall:

- (a) Assist the M/WBE Director in carrying out his or her duties and ensure compliance with the City's M/WBE law (Charter § 1304 and Administrative Code § 6-129).
- (b) Facilitate communications between constituents and City agencies to address M/WBE related concerns.
- (c) Develop policy and maintain oversight and accountability of the City's M/WBE program across all City agencies.
- (d) Coordinate with City agencies and the M/WBE community on issues related to and affecting M/WBEs.

- (e) Educate the M/WBE community about programs and opportunities for M/WBEs to engage in City contracting, including by encouraging M/WBEs to certify with the City.
- (f) Establish and maintain relationships with constituents to promote government contracting opportunities for M/WBEs.

§3. Powers of the Office.

- (a) The Office is authorized to work in conjunction with federal and state government agencies, where appropriate.
- (b) All agencies of the City of New York shall cooperate with the Office in the performance of its duties.

§4. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.



Bill de Blasio
Mayor