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M/WBE News: NYC Sanitation Presents Awards at S.O.A.R. Acknowledgment Ceremony

Department Announces Streamlined Vendor Registration Process for M/WBEs

Today, the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) announced the winners of its S.O.A.R. Acknowledgment awards. The Sustainable Operations and Readiness/ Resources (S.O.A.R.) program honored public and private-sector entities that best exemplified efforts towards helping to build capacity for Minority-owned/Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) during the past year.

“Since it’s launch last year, our S.O.A.R. program has worked to advance our standing in specific M/WBE spending categories and has created strategic partners that will enable the agency to address the Mayor’s sustainability goals with emerging market women and minority-owned firms,” said **Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia**. “Today, we honor those bureaus, business entities and various individuals whose efforts, diligence and steadfast commitment have helped promote the benefits of the S.O.A.R. program.”

“I’d like to congratulate each and every one of our honorees,” said **Kevin V.G. Wells, Esq., Chief Supplier Diversity Officer for the NYC Department of Sanitation**. “Our team can’t do it alone, and each of these city agencies, bureaus and partners have helped us increase the visibility of M/WBEs. They have helped to elevate and promote our S.O.A.R program, and its capacity building efforts for certified M/WBE vendors, and we are thankful for their contributions.”

Honorees include:

- **Economic Development Corporation, Department of Citywide Administrative Services and Housing Preservation & Development**
Strategic Partnership Award
These city-partner agencies were instrumental in enabling M/WBE firms performing micro-hauling and/or composting services to expand their business opportunities.
- **DSNY’s Bureau of Information Technology**
Outstanding Distributions of Noncompetitive Small Purchase Awards to M/WBEs
This bureau enabled the Department to host its first IT-related “diverse vendor” webinar and identified and used M/WBEs for products and services. The bureau is additionally

recognized for their policy of equitably awarding contracts to M/WBE information technology firms that have not been used in the past.

- **DSNY's Bureau of Support Services**

Outstanding Distributions of Noncompetitive Small Purchase Awards to M/WBEs

This bureau has been actively engaged in the S.O.A.R. program and worked to identify and aggressively utilize certified M/WBEs for products and services.

- **Anshuman Dash, Marc Nash and Karl Rotstan from DSNY**

Outstanding Innovation to Promote M/WBE Utilization

These individuals have performed outstanding achievements in building the DSNY S.O.A.R. web-based vendor database.

- **Tully Construction**

Outstanding Achievement to Build Capacity for Certified M/WBEs Award

An active participant in the SOAR Promoting Readiness Encouraging Partnerships mentorship program, this company awarded contracts to two M/WBEs contracts for a total of \$1.2 million, including one valued for \$1 million.

In addition, the NYC Department of Sanitation announced the launch of a new web-based system designed to streamline the identification process of both certified M/WBEs and diverse vendors not recognized as certified for contract opportunities. The system, available at nyc.gov/dsnywbe, will provide targeted capacity building under the S.O.A.R. program. The enhanced functionalities will enable all of DSNY's internal bureaus to view the current abilities and services of vendors, while also allowing vendors the ability to easily amend and update their core competency areas in order to be competitive.

For more information on the S.O.A.R program and other M/WBE-related initiatives, visit: <http://nyc.gov/dsnywbe>.

Vendors who do not meet the requirements of an M/WBE vendor can find DSNY-related opportunities at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/resources/statistics/vendors-general-information>.

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 705 salt 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.