



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

Executive Order 2011-3
Creating a Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Procurement Task Force

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a responsibility to develop and maintain equitable and proactive policies and practices in the public marketplace; and

WHEREAS, a diverse business community strengthens the State and City economy and is beneficial to all of the citizens of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, the City's procurement practices need to be aligned with the demographic trends of the City of Providence to address existing racial, ethnic, social and economic disparities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence values the rich diversity of its citizenry and seeks to ensure that this diverse makeup is reflected in its construction, goods, and services contracts with vendors; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number and diversity of qualified City vendors will increase competitiveness and reduce the cost of City goods and services, will result in cost savings and benefit the City and taxpayers in the future; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated Task Force charged with making recommendations to the Administration on improving the goals and mandates of the City ordinances on Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") and Women Business Enterprise ("WBE") participation can best accomplish this important economic and community development matter;

NOW THEREFORE, do I, Angel Taveras, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following to be effective immediately:

1. The Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Procurement Task Force is hereby created.
2. The Task Force shall consist of nine members: six to be named by the Mayor, one of whom shall be designated as the Chair of the Task Force; three to be named by the City Council President.

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.
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3. The Task Force shall perform an organizational assessment of the existing MBE/WBE and procurement structure, policies, and procedures and establish separate goals for MBE's and WBE's.
4. The Task Force shall include in its research the best practices regionally and nationally that have achieved quantifiable results.
5. The Task Force shall review and analyze the historical rates of MBE/WBE participation in city contracts, through the records of the Board of Contract and Supply.
6. The Task Force shall organize a public hearing, engage relevant community, business and labor stakeholders, and invite appropriate administrative staff to provide important internal and external information.
7. Ninety days from the date of this Executive Order, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to establish an efficient and effective administrative response to enhance MBE/WBE participation in city contracts.



Angel Taveras
MAYOR

Dated: April 12, 2011