

**FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY  
MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN (SECTION 1)**

BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY STATES that all MBE/WBE firms included in this Plan are certified MBEs/WBEs by at least one of the entities listed in the Special Provisions (SP-2).

I. **BIDDER/PROPOSER MBE/WBE STATUS:** (check the appropriate line)

- Bidder/Proposer is a certified MBE or WBE firm. (If so, attach copy of appropriate Letter of Certification)
- Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture and one or more Joint Venture partners are certified MBEs or WBEs. (If so, attach copies of Letter(s) of Certification, a copy of Joint Venture Agreement clearly describing the role of the MBE/WBE firm(s) and its ownership interest in the Joint Venture and a completed Joint Venture Affidavit – available from the Office of Contract Compliance)
- Bidder/Proposer is not a certified MBE or WBE firm, nor a Joint Venture with MBE/WBE partners, but will utilize MBE and WBE firms either directly or indirectly in the performance of the Contract. (If so, complete Sections II and III).

II.  **Direct Participation of MBE/WBE Firms**       **Indirect Participation of MBE/WBE Firms**

**NOTE: Where goals have not been achieved through direct participation, Bidder/Proposer shall include documentation outlining efforts to achieve Direct Participation at the time of Bid/Proposal submission. Indirect Participation will only be considered after all efforts to achieve Direct Participation have been exhausted. Only after written documentation of Good Faith Efforts is received will Indirect Participation be considered.**

MBEs/WBEs that will perform as subcontractors/suppliers/consultants include the following:

MBE/WBE Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Percent Amount of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %

\*Letter of Intent attached?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Letter of Certification attached?              Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

MBE/WBE Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar Amount Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Percent Amount of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %

\*Letter of Intent attached?                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

\*Letter of Certification attached?              Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No \_\_\_\_\_

Attach additional sheets as needed.

**\*Letters of Intent, current Letters of Certification and documentation of Good Faith Efforts must be submitted at the time of bid.**

**FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY  
LETTER OF INTENT (SECTION 2)**

M/WBE Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Bid/Proposal/Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ FEIN #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation:     Direct         Indirect

Will the M/WBE firm be subcontracting any of the performance of this contract to another firm?

No     Yes – Please attach explanation. Proposed Subcontractor: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned M/WBE is prepared to provide the following Commodities/Services for the above named Project/ Contract *(If more space is needed to fully describe MWBE firm's proposed scope of work and/or payment schedule, attach additional sheets).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the **Dollar Amount**, or **Percentage**, and the **Terms of Payment** for the above-described Commodities/ Services:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE that this Letter of Intent will become a binding Subcontract Agreement conditioned upon the Bidder/Proposer's receipt of a signed contract from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. The Undersigned Parties do also certify that they did not affix their signatures to this document until all areas under Description of Service/ Supply and Fee/Cost were completed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (M/WBE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Prime Bidder/Proposer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me

Subscribed and sworn before me

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY  
PETITION FOR WAIVER OF MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION (SECTION 3)**

**A. BIDDER/PROPOSER HEREBY REQUESTS:**

FULL MBE WAIVER                       FULL WBE WAIVER

REDUCTION (PARTIAL MBE and/or WBE PARTICIPATION)

\_\_\_\_\_ % of Reduction for MBE Participation

\_\_\_\_\_ % of Reduction for WBE Participation

**B. REASON FOR FULL/REDUCTION WAIVER REQUEST**

**Bidder/Proposer shall check each item applicable to its reason for a waiver request. Additionally, supporting documentation shall be submitted with this request.**

- (1) Lack of sufficient qualified MBEs and/or WBEs capable of providing the goods or services required by the contract. **(Please explain)**
- (2) The specifications and necessary requirements for performing the contract make it impossible or economically infeasible to divide the contract to enable the contractor to utilize MBEs and/or WBEs in accordance with the applicable participation. **(Please explain)**
- (3) Price(s) quoted by potential MBEs and/or WBEs are above competitive levels and increase cost of doing business and would make acceptance of such MBE and/or WBE bid economically impracticable, taking into consideration the percentage of total contract price represented by such MBE and/or WBE bid. **(Please explain)**
- (4) There are other relevant factors making it impossible or economically infeasible to utilize MBE and/or WBE firms. **(Please explain)**

**C. GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MBE/WBE PARTICIPATION**

- (1) Made timely written solicitation to identified MBEs and WBEs for utilization of goods and/or services; and provided MBEs and WBEs with a timely opportunity to review and obtain relevant specifications, terms and conditions of the proposal to enable MBEs and WBEs to prepare an informed response to solicitation. **(Attach copy of written solicitations made)**
- (2) Followed up initial solicitation of MBEs and WBEs to determine if firms are interested in doing business. **(Attached supporting documentation)**
- (3) Timely notified and used the services and assistance of community, minority and women business organizations **(Attach copy of written solicitations made)**
- (4) Used the services and assistance of the Office of Contract Compliance staff. **(Please explain)**
- (5) Engaged MBEs & WBEs for indirect participation. **(Please explain)**

**D. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

Attach any other documentation relative to Good Faith Efforts in complying with MBE/WBE participation.



**Forest Preserves of Cook County  
M/WBE Reciprocal Certification Affidavit**

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Authorized Representative)* *(Print Title)*

of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby affirm:  
*(Name of Firm)*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a Minority and/or Women Business Enterprise  
*(Name of Firm)*

currently certified by the City of Chicago as:  Black  Hispanic  Asian  Woman-owned business.

2) With respect to \_\_\_\_\_, the personal net worth of the qualifying  
*(Name of Firm)*  
(51%) individual(s) does not exceed \$2,491,482.03, excluding the individual's ownership interest in the M/WBE firm and the equity of the owner's primary residence, and otherwise meets the requirements of Chapter 34, Article IV of the Cook County Procurement Code. (As per Section 34-263 of the Cook County Procurement Code, an individual's personal net worth includes only his or her own Share of assets held jointly or as community/marital property with the individual's spouse.)

3) The average annual gross receipts of \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(Name of Firm)*  
as derived from tax filings over the five most recent years, does not exceed the Small Business Size Standards published by the U.S. Small Business Administration found in Title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121. (<http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-size-standards>)

Upon penalty of perjury, I \_\_\_\_\_ affirm that, to the best of my  
*(Authorized Representative)*

knowledge and belief, the information herein is true and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Month)* *(Year)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Notary's Signature)*

Notary's Seal

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_