
**MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE and WORKER UTILIZATION
PROGRAM**

**BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FORM E00-101
WHICH IS PART OF THE BID SUBMISSION**

INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION ARE COPIES OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION WHICH GOVERN THE ACTIVITIES ADDRESSED BY THE E00-101 FORM.

Direct any questions about these forms and procedures to:

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CITY OF WORCESTER

**MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WORKER UTILIZATION
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AFFIDAVIT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Form E00-101

TO ALL CONTRACTORS:

General Bidders and Filed Subbidders shall complete and submit this form as part of their bid. Non-Filed Subcontractors shall complete and submit this form to the General Contractor before beginning work.

I. THE MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS AND UTILIZATION PROGRAMS

Pursuant to an agreement between the City of Worcester and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, during the performance of any contract with the City of Worcester, all Contractors, Filed Subcontractors, and Subcontractors are bound by the obligations of the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program. **All contractors and subcontractors if subcontracting any portion of the work are obligated to make a good faith effort to engage 10% minority and 15% women owned businesses. Further, each contractor shall make a good faith effort to maintain a workforce that is 38% people of color and 10% women.**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she is familiar with the provisions of The Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Programs and agrees to adhere to the provisions therein.

II. This contractor **IS** ☐ **or IS NOT** ☐ certified by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance to be a minority or women owned and operated business; and

III. **WILL** ☐ **or WILL NOT** ☐ subcontract any portion of this contract.

Project Name: _____ Bid Number: _____

Authorized Signature

Business Name

Title

Address

Date

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FORM EOO-D/102

BIDDERS INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES AND FORMS

To make all contractors aware of their obligation to follow certain procedures and file appropriate reports pertaining to those procedures, the following is an outline of Minority/Women Business Enterprise and Worker Utilization Program. Also included here is the Affidavit of Acknowledgement and Certification of Compliance, Form E00-101. This form is to be completed and filed as part of your bid.

The following documents are included in this bid:

1. **AFFIDAVIT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**, E00-101

This form is to be completed by all General Contractors and Filed Subcontractors and submitted as part of their bid on all City of Worcester construction projects.

2. **SUPPLEMENTAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM** E00-D/3

The agreement between the City of Worcester and the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination establishing the goals and procedures for the utilization of minority and women owned businesses and minority and women workers on City Construction projects.

3. **SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S OBLIGATION TO PROCEDURES AND FORMS**, EE0-D/103

This is a listing of the procedures and forms that will be provided to the successful bidder for use prior to beginning work and at various times throughout the life of the project.

THE CITY OF WORCESTER

SUPPLEMENTAL EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

I. AGREEMENT

During the performance of this contract, the Contractor or Filed Subcontractor and all subcontractors (herein collectively referred to as the Contractor), for himself/herself, his/her assignees, and successors in interest, agree as follows:

1. In conjunction with the performance of work under this contract, the contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment advertising; layoff; termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; conditions or privileges of employment; and selection for apprenticeship. The contractor shall post hereafter in a conspicuous place, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Commission setting forth the provisions of the Fair Employment Practices Law of the Commonwealth (M.G.L. Chapter 151 B).
2. In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the Contractor shall undertake in good faith affirmative action measures designed to eliminate any discriminatory barriers in the terms and conditions of employment on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, or handicap, and to eliminate and remedy any effects of such discrimination in the past. Such affirmative action shall entail positive and aggressive measures to ensure equal opportunity in the areas of apprenticeship training programs. This affirmative action shall include all action required to guarantee equal employment opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, or handicap. The purpose of this provision is to ensure to the fullest extent possible an adequate supply of skilled tradesmen for this and future City public construction project.

II. OBLIGATION

1. As part of the obligation of remedial action under the foregoing section, the Contractor shall maintain goals on this project no less than 38 percent (38%) people of color employee and 10 percent (10%) women employee hours of the total work hours in each job category including but not limited to, bricklayers, carpenters, cement masons, electricians, iron workers, operating engineers, and those "classes of work" enumerated in section 44C of chapter 149 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

In the hiring of minority and women journeymen, apprentices, trainees and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall rely on referrals from a multi-employer affirmative action program approved by the City, traditional referral methods utilized by the construction industry, and referrals from agencies, not more than three in number at any one time, designated by the City.

III. REPORTS

1. Contractor shall provide a completed **Project Minority / Women & Veteran Business Enterprise Table** at the beginning of the project along with an updated final Table at project completion. The report will reflect the contributions of each business type to the overall project by dollar amount for all filed and unfiled subcontractors performing work on the project.
2. Records of employment referral orders, prepared by the Contractor, shall be made available to the City on request.
3. The Contractor shall prepare the **Certified Payroll Report on a weekly basis**, which lists the hours worked in each trade by each employee identified as minority, non-minority, male and female. Copies of these shall be provided to the City at the end of each week.
4. Every Contractor and Subcontractor, at any and all tiers, shall complete and submit each week along with the Weekly Payroll Report Form, the **“Weekly Workforce Utilization Form (v2)”** to the Contract Compliance Office.

IV. SUBCONTRACTING WORK

If the Contractor shall use any Subcontractor on any work performed under this contract, affirmative action shall be taken to negotiate with qualified minority and women contractors. This affirmative action shall cover both pre-bid and post-bid periods.

V. EMPLOYMENT

In the employment of journeymen, apprentices, trainees, and advanced trainees, the Contractor shall give preference, first to citizens of the Commonwealth who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and have been honorably discharged therefrom or released from active duty therein, and who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates, and , secondly, to citizens of the Commonwealth generally, and, if such cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States.

VI. RIGHT OF ACCESS

A designee of the City shall have the right of access to the construction site.

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS

The contractor shall comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 227 amending and revising Executive Order No. 74, as amended by executive Order No. 16 dated May 1, 1975 and of Chapter 151B as amended, of the Massachusetts General Laws, both of which are herein incorporated by reference and made part of this contract.

VIII. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Contractor, in the performance of all work after the award, and prior to completion of the contract work, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, or handicap in employment practices, in the selection or retention of other contractors or in the procurement of materials and rentals of equipment.

IX. SOLICITATIONS FOR SUBCONTRACTORS, AND FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor either for work to be performed under a subcontract or for the procurement of materials or supplies, each entity solicited shall be notified in writing by the contractor of the Contractor's obligation under this contract relative to non-discrimination and affirmative action.

X. CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

Contractors bidding as General Contractors or Filed Sub-contractors shall certify that they will comply with the minority and women manpower and business enterprise goals and specific affirmative action steps contained in this Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program by signing and submitting with the bid the **Affidavit of Acknowledgement and Certification of Compliance, Form E00-101.**

If any Contractor subcontracts any portion of the work, the Contractor is required to obtain from each Subcontractor, regardless of tier, an Affidavit of Acknowledgement and Certification of Compliance, Form E00-101 stating that it will comply with the minority and women subcontracting and manpower ratios and specific affirmative action steps contained in this Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program by signing this form and submitting it to the Contractor for submission to the awarding authority not later than five working days following the opening of the bids.

XI. COMPLIANCE – INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND SANCTIONS

1. The Contractor will provide all information and reports required by the City on instructions issued and will permit access to its facilities and any books, records, accounts and other sources of information which may be determined by the City to affect the employment of personnel. This provision shall apply only to information pertinent to the City's supplementary affirmative action contract requirements. Where information required is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Contractor shall so certify to the City and shall set forth what efforts have been made to obtain the information.
2. Whenever the City believes the Contractor may not be operating in compliance with the terms of this Section, the City directly, or through its designated agent, shall conduct an appropriate investigation, and confer with the parties, to determine if such Contractor is operating in compliance with the terms of this Section. If the City or its agent finds the Contractor not in compliance, it shall make a preliminary report of non-compliance and notify such Contractor in writing of such steps as will in the judgment of the City or its agent bring such Contractor into compliance. In the event that such Contractor fails or refuses to fully perform such steps, the City shall make a final report of non-compliance, and recommend the imposition of one or more of the sanctions listed below. If, however, the City believes the Contractor has taken or is taking every possible measure to achieve compliance, it shall not make final a report on non-compliance. Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the recommendations of the City, the administering agency shall move to impose one or more of the following sanctions, as it may deem appropriate to attain full and effective enforcement.

- a. The recovery by the administering agency from the Contractor of 1/10 of 1% of the contract award price or \$1000.00, whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages or, if a Subcontractor is in non-compliance, the recovery by the administering agency from the Contractor as a back charge against the Subcontractor of 1/10 of 1% of the subcontract price, or \$400.00, whichever sum is greater, in the nature of liquidated damages, for each week that such party fails or refuses to comply;
 - b. The suspension of any payment or part thereof due under the contract until such time as the Contractor or any Subcontractor is able to demonstrate compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - c. The termination, or cancellation, of the contract, in whole or in part, unless the Contractor is able to demonstrate within a specified time his compliance with the terms of the contract;
 - d. The denial to the Contractor of the right to participate in any further contracts awarded by the administering agency for a period of up to three years.
3. If at any time after the imposition of one or more of the above sanctions a Contractor is able to demonstrate that he/she is in compliance with this section, he/she may request the administering agency in consultation with the City, to suspend the sanctions conditionally, pending a final determination by the City as to whether the contractor is in compliance. Upon final determination, based on the recommendations of the adjudicatory body, the City shall either lift the sanctions or reimpose them.
 4. Sanctions enumerated under Section XII-2 shall not be imposed except after an adjudicatory proceeding, as that term is used in M.G.L. Chapter 30, has been conducted. No investigation by the City or its agent shall be initiated without prior notice to the Contractor.

XII. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Section are severable, and if any of these provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decisions of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

XIII. WAIVER

The City of Worcester reserves the right to waive any stipulation in the M/WBE Program when deemed necessary or appropriate for the general good of the City and its programs.

DEFINITIONS

Contractor	Except where otherwise specifically stated the term "Contractor" shall mean any General Contractor, Filed Subcontractor or Non-Filed Subcontractor.
City	is the City of Worcester , Massachusetts
M/WBE	is Minority and Women Business Enterprise as certified by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance to be 51% or more minority or women owned and operated.

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FORM E00-D/103

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S OBLIGATION TO PROCEDURES AND FORMS

All successful bidders on City of Worcester construction projects will receive a package of procedures and forms that are to be used at specific times throughout the life of the project.

The following is a list of the documents that will be sent to successful bidders when this office is notified that a contract has been, or is about to be, executed.

I. AFFIDAVIT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE, (FOR SUBCONTRACTORS), E00-101

If any portion of a project is to be subcontracted at any tier, each additional subcontractor shall complete this form and send it to the Contract Compliance Office within two business days of contract execution and PRIOR to beginning work on the project.

II. TABLE OF PROJECTED SUBCONTRACTORS, E00-103

The use of subcontractors at any tier shall be reported to the Contract Compliance Office on this form prior to the subcontractor beginning work on the project.

III. SUBCONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE, E00-104

Each Non-Filed subcontractor engaged to work on a project shall complete and forward this form to the Contract Compliance Office prior to beginning work on the project.

IV. Project Minority / Women & Veteran Business Enterprise Table

Contractor shall provide a completed **Project Minority / Women & Veteran Business Enterprise Table** at the beginning of the project along with an updated final Table at project completion. The report will reflect the contributions of each business type to the overall project by dollar amount for all filed and unfiled subcontractors performing work on the project.

V. **WEEKLY PAYROLL REPORT FORM & STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

At the end of each week of work, all Contractors, Filed Subcontractors, and Non-Filed Subcontractors, regardless of tier, shall complete and submit these forms to the Contract Compliance Office.

The Contract Compliance Office will also accept computer generated payroll reports. However, if the computer payroll does not reflect the prevailing wage, the Contractor must provide a breakdown of the benefits paid to each employee which, when added to the base wage, equals the prevailing wage.

Every Contractor and Subcontractor, at any and all tiers, shall complete and submit each week along with the Weekly Payroll Report Form, the **“Weekly Workforce Utilization Form (v2)”** to the Contract Compliance Office.

The City of Worcester regards the monitoring of weekly certified payroll reports to be a most important function. Therefore, all certified payroll reports shall be scrutinized by the Contract Compliance Office and any violations of the Commonwealth’s prevailing wage law will be vigorously enforced.