



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

**CLEVELAND AREA BUSINESS CODE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
&
SCHEDULES**

City of Cleveland

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE
(Section 187.22(b))

Each Contract also shall contain the following equal opportunity clause:

"During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

- (1) The contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, ethnic group or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status. The contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, ethnic group, or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status. As used in this chapter, "treated" means and includes without limitation the following: recruited, whether by advertising or other means; compensated, whether in the form of rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selected for training, including apprenticeship, promoted, upgraded, demoted, downgraded, transferred, laid off and terminated. The contractor agrees to and shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the hiring representatives of the contractor setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that the contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
- (3) The contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract, or understanding, a notice advising the labor union or worker's representative of the contractor's commitments under the equal opportunity clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) It is the policy of the City that local businesses, minority-owned businesses and female-owned businesses shall have every practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts awarded by the City subject to the applicable provisions of the Cleveland Area Business Code.
- (5) The contractor shall permit access by the Director or his or her designated representative to any relevant and pertinent reports and documents to verify compliance with the Cleveland Area Business Code, and with the Regulations. All such materials provided to the Director or designee by the contractor shall be considered confidential.
- (6) The contractor will not obstruct or hinder the Director or designee in the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities imposed by the Cleveland Area Business Code.
- (7) The contractor agrees that each subcontract will include this Equal Opportunity Clause, and the contractor will notify each subcontractor, material supplier and supplier that the subcontractor must agree to comply with and be subject to all applicable provisions of the Cleveland Area Business Code. The contractor shall take any appropriate action with respect to any subcontractor as a means of enforcing the provisions of the Code."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. Introduction:

The Cleveland Area Business Code contained in Chapter 187 of the Codified Ordinances, of Cleveland Ohio 1976 (C.O.) was enacted to increase the participation of local small business enterprises in City of Cleveland contracts. The Code also promotes the participation of Minority and Female Business Enterprises in City of Cleveland contracts, and works to ensure that Contractors doing business with the City do not use discriminatory employment practices. Failure to comply with the Cleveland Area Business Code or with representations made on the attached Schedules may result in rejection of part or all of the bid, and/or cancellation of the contract.

2. Definitions:

As used in this Notice to Bidders and Schedules, the following words, phrases, and terms shall be defined as set forth below:

- (a) "Bidder" means a Person offering to contract with the City in response to an invitation to bid.
- (b) "Bid Discount" means the application of a percentage discount to the total amount of a bid submitted by a Bidder for a Contract solely for the purpose of bid comparisons when evaluating the lowest and best bid, or lowest responsible bid. The use of a Bid Discount for Bid Comparison does not alter the total amount of the bid submitted by a Bidder or the Contract executed based on a bid.
- (c) "Business Enterprise" means a firm, sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other business entity of any kind including, but not limited to, a limited liability corporation, incorporated professional association, joint venture, estate, or trust.
- (d) "City" means the City of Cleveland, Ohio.
- (e) "City of Cleveland Small Business" or "CCSB" means a CSB that has its principal office located physically within the municipal boundaries of the City.
- (f) "Cleveland Area Small Business" or "CSB" means a Business Enterprise certified under division (a) of Section 187.03.
- (g) "Cleveland Contracting Market" or "Contracting Market" means the geographic market area consisting of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, or the geographic market area identified in a disparity study or otherwise as provided in Section 187.28.
- (h) "Contract" means a binding agreement executed on or after the effective date of this Cleveland Area Business Code by which the City either grants a privilege or is committed to expend or does expend its funds or other resources, or confers a benefit having monetary value including, but not limited to, a grant, loan, interest in real or personal property, or tax incentive in any form for or in connection with any work, project, or public purpose.
- (i) "Contracting Department" includes any administrative department under charge of the Mayor or any office, board, or commission treated or construed as a department of City government for any purpose under the Charter or ordinances of the City for the benefit or program of which the

City enters into a particular Contract.

- (j) "Contractor" means a separate or distinguishable Business Enterprise employing one or more persons and participating in the performance of a Contract, including but not limited to CSBs, MBEs and FBEs where applicable, and shall include a party in privity with a Contractor for implementation of a Contract.
- (k) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.
- (l) "Evaluation Credit" means a predetermined number of points in the evaluation of proposals submitted by a Bidder for a Contract to be added solely for the purpose of proposal comparison when evaluating competing proposals. The use of Evaluation Credits does not alter the amount of the proposal submitted by a Bidder or the Contract executed based on the proposal.
- (m) "Female" includes only a United States citizen or lawful, permanent resident who is a member of the female gender.
- (n) "Female Business Enterprise" or "FBE" means a Business Enterprise owned, operated, and controlled by one or more Females who have 51% ownership. The one or more Females must have operational and managerial Control, interest in capital, and earnings commensurate with the percentage of Female ownership. To qualify as a Female Business Enterprise, the Business Enterprise shall be located and doing business in the Cleveland Contracting Market.
- (o) "Minority Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a Business Enterprise owned, operated and controlled by one or more Minority Persons who have at least 51% ownership. The Minority Person(s) must have operational and managerial Control, interest in capital, and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership. To qualify as a Minority Business Enterprise, the enterprise shall be located and doing business in the Cleveland Contracting Market.
- (p) "OEO" means the Office of Equal Opportunity of the City of Cleveland.
- (q) "Proposer" means any Person proposing to contract with the City in response to a request for proposals or other similar solicitation.
- (q) "Regional Cleveland Area Small Business" or "RCSB" means a CSB that has its principal office located physically within the territorial boundaries of Cuyahoga County but outside the municipal boundaries of the City.
- (r) "Regulation" or "Regulations" means and includes the regulations implementing this Code and promulgated by the Director of Equal Opportunity under division (b)(6) of Section 123.08 of these Codified Ordinances.
- (s) "Small Business Enterprise" or "SBE" means a Business Enterprise that meets the established economic criteria for a SBE and is owned, operated and controlled by one or more persons who meet the economic criteria for SBE ownership established by the Director in the Regulations.

3. Required OEO Schedules:

The following documents must be completed, signed and submitted as part of the Contractor's bid or proposal for any City of Cleveland contract over \$10,000.

Schedule 1: PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Each Bidder or Proposer must complete, sign and submit Schedule 1, the PROJECT CONTACT

INFORMATION FORM. Schedule 1 provides the Office of Equal Opportunity with the necessary contact information to conduct its monitoring responsibilities. Please include your Federal Tax ID Number, also known as the Employer Identification Number, on Schedule 1.

Schedule 2: SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION

Each Bidder or Proposer must complete, sign and submit Schedule 2, the SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION. List all prospective subcontractors, including all CSB, MBE, and/or FBE subcontractors, that will participate on the contract. **Be sure to use the full legal name of each subcontractor**. Also include the contract specification item number(s) on which the subcontractor will participate (Part 1), the work or supplies/materials the subcontractor will provide (Part 2), and the total dollar amount of the subcontract (Part 3). The total dollar amount in Part 3 must be an actual dollar amount, and may not be a range of values or a percentage of the contract.

Schedule 3: STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR

Each prospective subcontractor must complete, sign and submit Schedule 3, the STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR. Parts 1 through 3 on each Schedule 3 must correspond with Parts 1 through 4 on Schedule 2 for the appropriate subcontractor. No CSB, MBE, or FBE participation credit will be considered for any subcontractor listed on Schedule 2 that does not have a corresponding, accurate Schedule 3. Schedule 3 should be completed by the subcontractor, returned to the Bidder or Proposer, and submitted as part of the bid or proposal.

Schedule 4: CSB/MBE/FBE UNAVAILABILITY/IMPRACTICALITY CERTIFICATION

Each Bidder or Proposer must make a good faith effort to achieve the CSB, MBE, and/or FBE subcontracting goals that are established in the bid documents. These subcontracting goals are not quotas, and no bid will be disqualified simply because the Bidder or Proposer fails to meet the goals. If a Bidder or Proposer does not meet the CSB, MBE and/or FBE subcontracting goals, the Bidder or Proposer **must provide an explanation for the failure to meet the goals in Schedule 4**, the Subcontractor Unavailability/Impracticality Certification.

Schedule 4 allows Bidders and Proposers to demonstrate their good faith efforts in finding and soliciting CSBs, MBEs and FBEs to work on City of Cleveland contracts. Failure to complete this schedule fully and completely may impact the evaluation of the bid or proposal.

Failure to submit and accurately complete each OEO Schedule 1-4 may result in the rejection of all or part of the bid or proposal. If a Schedule is not applicable, the Bidder or Proposer should indicate "NA" on the schedule, and **still must sign and submit** the Schedule. Submission of incomplete, inaccurate, or inconsistent data in the Schedules may lead to a formal investigation, decertification of the Bidder or Proposer, decertification of the subcontractor, and a rejection of all or part of the bid. The City of Cleveland reserves the right to waive any informality or immaterial irregularity, and reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

4. Equal Employment Certification:

No Contractor shall discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, ethnic group or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status. Contractors shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, ethnic group or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status. As used in this chapter, "treated" means and includes without limitation the following: recruited whether by advertising or other means; compensated, whether in the form of rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selected for training, including apprenticeship, promoted, upgraded, demoted,

transferred, laid off and terminated. Contractors shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the hiring representative of contractors setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

Within 60 days after entering into a Contract, each Contractor shall file a written affirmative action program containing standards and procedures ensuring that the contractor affords all qualified employees and applicants for employment equal opportunities in the contractor's recruitment, selection, and advancement processes.

Each contractor's affirmative action program shall contain the following components:

(1) A diagnostic component that includes quantitative analyses comparing the composition of the Contractor's workforce to the composition of the Cleveland Contracting Market employment pool according to the most current census data available, grouped by EEO occupations.

(2) Each affirmative action program shall contain placement goals as follows:

(i) For each non-construction contract, placement goals equal to the availability percentage for women or minorities where the percentage of women or minorities employed by the contractor in a particular job group is less than would reasonably be expected given their percentage availabilities in the corresponding Cleveland Contracting Market employment pool. Placement goals are objective targets reasonably attainable by applying a good-faith effort to implement all aspects of the affirmative action program; they are not inflexible quotas. Placement goals do not authorize or require a Contractor to grant a preference to any individual or adversely affect an individual's employment status for an unlawful discriminatory reason.

(ii) For each construction contract, establish placement goals for minorities and women for each trade involved in the performance of the contract equal to the goals established by the Director. Placement goals are objective targets reasonably attainable by applying a good-faith effort to implement all aspects of the affirmative action program; they are not inflexible quotas. Placement goals do not authorize or require a contractor to grant a preference to any individual or adversely affect an individual's employment status for an unlawful discriminatory reason.

(3) Identification of problem areas through analysis of the contractor's employment process to determine if it affords or incorporates, or contains impediments to, equal employment opportunities.

(4) Action-oriented programs consisting of practical steps the contractor will implement to address any identified problem areas or the underutilization of women or minorities in relation to their availability in the relevant labor pool.

(5) Internal auditing and reporting systems that monitor and examine the impact the contractor's employment decisions and compensation systems have on women and minorities and their progress toward achieving a workforce that would be expected in the absence of discrimination.

(6) Policies, practices, and procedures that the contractor will implement to ensure that all qualified applicants and employees enjoy equal opportunity in recruitment, selection, advancement, and every other term and privilege associated with employment.

(7) Any additional requirements the Administrator may require through the Regulations or on a case-by-case review of a contractor's proposed affirmative action program.

If, 60 days after entering into a Contract, a contractor has not filed an affirmative action program, has deviated substantially from an approved affirmative action program, or has discriminated against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, ethnic group or Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, the Office of Equal Opportunity may take immediate enforcement action.

5. **CSB Certification:**

Each Bidder, Proposer or subcontractor representing itself as a Cleveland Area Small Business (CSB) within the OEO Schedules must be certified with the Office of Equal Opportunity as a CSB prior to the bid opening.

Certification applications are available through the Office of Equal Opportunity, and at <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Business/Equal%20Opportunity>

There are two classifications of CSBs:

A **City of Cleveland Small Business (CCSB)** is a CSB located within the City of Cleveland.

A **Regional Cleveland Small Business (RCSB)** is a CSB located within Cuyahoga County, but not within the City itself.

A business is eligible for certification as a Cleveland Area Small Business (CSB) if it meets the following criteria:

- (1) It is a Small Business Enterprise;
- (2) It has its principal office located physically in the Cleveland Contracting Market; and
- (3) Its chief executive officer and highest level managers maintain their offices and perform their managerial functions in the Cleveland Contracting Market.

A business qualifies as a Small Business Enterprise if it meets size requirements of the US Small Business Administration, which are as generally as follows:

Construction

- General building and heavy construction contractors: \$33.5 million
- Special trade construction contractors: \$14 million
- Land subdivision: \$7 million
- Dredging: \$20 million

Manufacturing

- About 75 percent of the manufacturing industries: 500 employees
- A small number of industries: 1,500 employees
- The balance: either 750 or 1,000 employees

Mining

- All mining industries, except mining services: 500 employees

Retail Trade

- Most retail trade industries: \$7 million
- A few (such as grocery stores, department stores, motor vehicle dealers and electrical appliance dealers), have higher size standards, but none above \$35.5 million.

Services

- Most common: \$7 million
- Computer programming, data processing and systems design: \$25 million
- Engineering and architectural services and a few other industries have different size standards.
- The highest annual-receipts size standard in any service industry: \$35.5 million
- Research and development and environmental remediation services: the only service industries with size standards stated in number of employees

Wholesale Trade

For small business Federal contracts: 100 employees, and the firm must deliver the product of a small domestic manufacturer, as set forth in SBA's nonmanufacturer rule, unless [waived](#) by the SBA for a particular class of product. For procurements made under the Simplified Acquisition Procedures of the FAR and where the purchase does not exceed \$25,000, the nonmanufacturer may deliver the goods of any domestic manufacturer.

- For loans and all other programs: 100 employees is applicable for all industries.

Other Industries

- Divisions include agriculture; transportation, communications, electric, gas, and sanitary services; and finance, insurance and real estate.
- Because of wide variation in the structure of industries in these divisions, there is no common pattern of size standards.
- For specific size standards as of January 1 of each year, refer to the size regulations in [13 CFR §121.201](#). SBA's [Table of Small Business Size Standards](#) includes all changes and modifications made since January 1 of the most recent year.

6. CSB Contract Participation

In an effort to promote the participation of Cleveland-area Small Businesses (CSBs) in City contracts, each Contracting Department of the City will use its best efforts to contract with CSB Bidders and Proposers, and Bidders and Proposers that have committed to subcontracting with certified CSBs.

The CSB subcontractor participation goals are:

Construction Contracts:	30% CSB Subcontractor Participation
Professional Services Contracts:	10% CSB Subcontractor Participation
All Other Contracts:	20% CSB Subcontractor Participation

The Contracting Departments may, in consultation with the Director, increase or decrease these participation goals for a particular contract. When the goals are changed, the change will be noted in the bid or proposal documents.

Each Bidder or Proposer is expected to make a good faith effort to subcontract with certified CSBs in accord with the goals prescribed above. If the goals are not met, the Bidder or Proposer must demonstrate its good faith effort to meet the goals on Schedule 4, the [Subcontractor Unavailability/Impracticality Certification](#). The CSB participation goals are goals, not mandates, but the good faith effort to meet the CSB goals will be considered in awarding the contract.

7. MBE/FBE Certification:

Each Bidder, Proposer or subcontractor representing itself as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) or Female Business Enterprise (FBE) within the OEO Schedules must be certified with the Office of Equal

Opportunity as an MBE and/or FBE prior to the bid opening.

A business is eligible for certification as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) if:

- (1) The Business Enterprise is owned, operated and controlled by one or more Minority Persons who have at least 51% ownership;
- (2) The Minority Persons who own the Business Enterprise have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership; and
- (3) The Business Enterprise is located and doing business in the Cleveland Contracting Market.

A business is eligible for certification as a Female Business Enterprise (FBE) if:

- (1) The Business Enterprise is owned, operated and controlled by one or more Females who have at least 51% ownership;
- (2) The Female owners have operational and managerial control, interest in capital, and earnings commensurate with the percentage of ownership; and
- (3) The Business Enterprise is located and doing business in the Cleveland Contracting Market.

8. MBE and FBE Contract Participation

The City of Cleveland is firmly committed to assisting Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Female Business Enterprises (FBEs) through its contracting activities, and the City intends to Contract with firms that shares that commitment. Under this policy, each Contracting Department will use its best efforts to promote the participation of MBEs and FBEs as both prime contractors and subcontractors in all City Contracts. In turn, Bidders and Proposers shall make every effort to use MBEs and FBEs as subcontractors where available and practical.

Some City contracts will have specific MBE and/or FBE subcontractor participation goals. **These goals will be expressly stated in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) in each contract where the goals are applicable.** When specific MBE and/or FBE goals are set forth in the ITB or RFP, the Bidder or Proposer must make a good faith effort to meet them. If the goals are not met, the Bidder or Proposer must demonstrate its good faith efforts in Schedule 4, the Subcontractor Unavailability/Impracticality Certification. Specific MBE and/or FBE participation goals are goals, not mandates, but the City will consider the contractor's good faith effort to meet the MBE and/or FBE goals in approving a contract.

Only those Certified MBEs and/or FBEs that have been designated as eligible to provide participation credit by the Office of Equal Opportunity for a particular type of contract will be counted towards meeting a Bidder or Proposer's MBE and/or FBE Subcontractor participation goal. The Office of Equal Opportunity establishes eligibility for participation credit where the City has developed or obtained a legally sufficient basis in evidence to demonstrate past or present discrimination. The CSB/MBE/FBE Registry identifies which MBEs and FBEs are eligible for subcontractor participation credit. In some circumstances, the participation credit MBE and/or FBE subcontractors will be limited to those MBEs and FBEs that are identified on this list. Bidders or Proposers should carefully examine the ITB or RFP to determine the appropriate subcontracting goals, and the eligible MBE and FBEs.

If an MBE or FBE plans to re-subcontract any of its work, it must indicate that on Schedule 3, the Statement of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor. Any work re-subcontracted to a non-MBE/non-FBE will reduce the Bidder or Proposer's participation credit to the extent of the re-subcontracting.

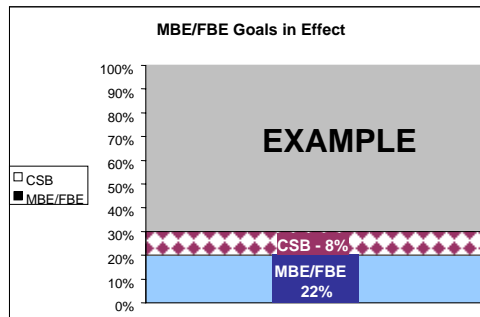
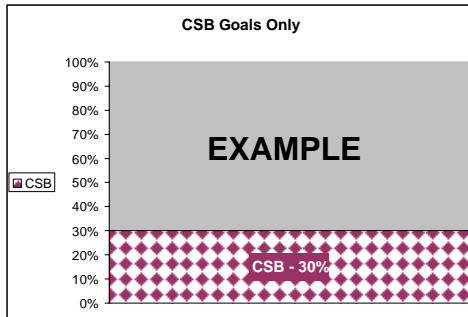
9. CSB Participation Goals When MBE/FBE Goals Are in Effect:

When there are specific MBE and/or FBE goals on a City contract, those goals will be considered in lieu of an

equivalent portion of the CSB goals for the contract.

For example, public improvement contracts have a standard 30% CSB subcontractor participation goal. If, however, a public improvement contract also has a goal of 15% MBE subcontractor participation and 7% FBE subcontractor participation, the CSB goal for the contract will be reduced by an equal amount, going down from 30% to 8%.

Standard CSB Goal	30%
MBE/FBE Goal	-22%
New CSB Goal	8%



In this example, the final subcontracting goals would be 22% MBE/FBE subcontractor participation, and 8% CSB subcontractor participation, equaling the standard 30% overall subcontractor participation goal for public improvement contracts.

10. MBE/FBE Bid Discounts:

Contracting Departments may apply a Bid Discount of five percent (5%) for bids received from certified MBE and FBE Bidders to remediate past or present discrimination, where the City has developed or obtained a legally sufficient basis in evidence to demonstrate past or present discrimination. The CSB/MBE/FBE Registry denotes which MBEs and FBEs are eligible for Bid Discounts.

11. MBE/FBE Evaluation Credits:

Contracting Departments may apply an Evaluation Credit of five percent (5%) of the total points awarded for proposals received from MBE and FBE Proposers to remediate past or present discrimination, where evidence of contracting disparity has been adequately demonstrated. The CSB/MBE/FBE Registry denotes which MBEs and FBEs are eligible for Evaluation Credits.

12. MBE/FBE Subcontracting Bid Discounts and Additional Retainage:

Contracting departments may apply a bid discount for bids received for public improvement contracts in the amount of five percent (5%) of the portion of the total amount of the goods, labor, and materials that the bidder represents it will subcontract to one or more MBEs and FBEs, where the City has developed or obtained a legally sufficient basis in evidence to demonstrate past or present discrimination.

(1) If a Contracting Department applies the MBE/FBE subcontracting Bid Discount to the bid of a Bidder that would not have otherwise been the lowest and the Bidder is awarded the Public Improvement Contract, the City shall retain as Additional Retainage an amount equal to the total dollar amount by which the bid was adjusted for bid comparison in addition to the contract retainage required under Section 185.41C.O.

(2) If a Contractor uses MBE and FBE subcontractors in the performance of a Public Improvement Contract in an amount equal to or greater than offered in the bid, the City shall pay the Contractor any Additional Retainage retained under division (1) of this section upon the Contracting Department director's acceptance of the contract work. If a Contractor uses MBE and FBE subcontractors in the performance of a Public Improvement Contract in an amount less than represented in its bid, the Contractor shall forfeit the amount of Additional Retainage equal to the amount of shortfall in its total MBE and FBE usage, in addition to any other sanctions or penalties applicable under the Contract or the Cleveland Area Business Code.

(3) If a Contracting Department applies the MBE/FBE subcontracting Bid Discount to a bid that would not have otherwise been the lowest and the Bidder is awarded the Public Improvement Contract, the Contract terms shall prohibit the Contractor from deducting the amount of the Additional Retainage from progress payments to the MBE and FBE subcontractors.

13. CSB Bid Discounts:

If a Contracting Department *does not apply an MBE or FBE Bid Discount* to one or more bids for the award of a Contract, the Contracting Department may apply a Bid Discount in the following amounts for bids received from CSB prime contractors:

A Bid Discount of five percent (5%) for bids received from CCSBs.

A Bid Discount of five percent (5%) for bids received from RCSBs, provided no bids are received from CCSB's.

14. CSB Evaluation Credits:

If a Contracting Department *does not apply an MBE or FBE Evaluation Credit* to one or more proposals for the award of a Contract, the Contracting Department may apply Evaluation Credits as follows for proposals received from CSB prime contractors:

(1) An Evaluation Credit of five percent (5%) of the total points awarded for proposals received from CCSBs.

(2) An Evaluation Credit of five percent (5%) of the total points awarded for proposals received from RCSBs, provided no proposals are received from CCSBs.

15. CSB Subcontracting Bid Discounts and Additional Retainage:

Contracting Departments may apply a Bid Discount to bids received for a Public Improvement Contract in the amount of five percent (5%) of the portion of the total amount of labor and materials that the Bidder represents it will subcontract to one or more CSBs. This provision does not apply, however, if a Bid Discount has been applied for MBE or FBE subcontractor participation,

If a Contracting Department applies the CSB subcontracting Bid Discount to the bid of a Bidder that would not have otherwise been the lowest and the Bidder is awarded the Public Improvement Contract, the City shall retain as Additional Retainage an amount equal to the total dollar amount by which the bid was adjusted for bid comparison in addition to the retainage required under Section 185.41 of the Codified Ordinances.

If a Contractor uses CSB subcontractors in the performance of the Public Improvement Contract in an amount equal to or greater than offered in the Contractor's bid, the City shall pay the Contractor any Additional Retainage retained under division (d)(1) of this section upon the Contracting Department director's acceptance of the contract work under division (d) of Section 185.41. If a Contractor uses CSB

subcontractors in the performance of a Public Improvement Contract in an amount less than represented in its bid, the Contractor shall forfeit the amount of the Additional Retainage equal to the amount of shortfall in its CSB usage, in addition to any other sanctions or penalties applicable under this Chapter or the Contract.

If a Contracting Department applies the CSB subcontracting Bid Discount to the bid of a Bidder that would not have otherwise been the lowest and the Bidder is awarded the Public Improvement Contract, the Contract terms shall prohibit the Contractor from deducting the amount of the Additional Retainage from progress payments to the CSB subcontractors.

16. Maximum Annual Subcontracting Program Benefit:

In an effort to encourage wide participation in the CSB, MBE and FBE subcontracting programs, the City of Cleveland has adopted a policy which may limit the amount of subcontracting credit that a single CSB, MBE and/or FBE subcontractor can provide in a single year. When the CSB, MBE and/or FBE subcontractor has reached this maximum subcontracting dollar value, its participation in future contracts will not be counted towards a Bidder or Proposer's CSB, MBE and/or FBE participation goals.

The Director may apply credit toward the CSB, MBE and/or FBE subcontractor participation goals upon written request of a Bidder or Proposer attesting that no other certified CSBs, MBEs or FBEs are available to perform the work or supply the materials required for the Contract, or in an emergency, or for such other reasons that the Director determines require use of that CSB, MBE or FBE.

Nothing prohibits a Bidder or Proposer from subcontracting to a CSB, MBE or FBE that has reached the cap, or prohibits the CSB, MBE or FBE from performing work or supplying materials under any contract. But that participation will not count towards the Bidder or Proposer's subcontracting goals.

17. CSB/MBE/FBE Manufacturer and Supplier Participation:

Under the Cleveland Area Business Code, the entire amount of expenditures to certified CSB, MBE, or FBE manufacturers will be counted towards CSB, MBE or FBE participation goals on the contract. A manufacturer is an enterprise that produces goods from raw materials or adds value by substantially altering them before resale. In contrast, sixty percent (60%) of expenditures to certified CSB, MBE or FBE suppliers that are not manufacturers will be counted towards CSB, MBE or FBE participation goals on the contract, provided that the CSB, MBE or FBE supplier performs a "commercially useful function in the supply process." A business enterprise is a supplier performing a "commercially useful function in the supply process" when it:

- (1) Assumes the actual and contractual responsibility for furnishing the supplies or materials; and
- (2) Is recognized as a supplier, distributor or reseller by the manufacturer or producer of the contracted supplies and materials; and
- (3) Owns or leases a warehouse, yard, building or other facilities or uses such as means as are customary in the industry for the purpose of maintaining an inventory of or supplying such supplies or materials from which it supplies its customers; and
- (4) Distributes, delivers, and/or services products primarily with its own staff and/or equipment.

If a CSB, MBE or FBE supplier is not a manufacturer and is not performing a "commercially useful function" in the supply process, the supplier's participation will not be counted towards the CSB, MBE or FBE participation on the contract.

18. Joint Ventures:

Participation of CSBs, MBEs and FBEs in joint ventures is encouraged. To receive credit for CSB, MBE and/or FBE participation in a joint venture, the joint venture must be certified by the Office of Equal Opportunity. The CSB/MBE/FBE Joint Venture Certification Application is available from the Office of Equal Opportunity, and applications for joint venture certification must be received by the Office of Equal Opportunity no later than 10 days prior to the bid opening.

19. Use of General Contractors as Subcontractors for CSB/ MBE/FBE Prohibited:

Consistent with the U.S. Bureau of Census Standard Industrial Classifications, the City considers that a "general contractor" assumes responsibility for an entire construction contract, although it may subcontract part or all of the actual work to special trades or other contractors. The City does not consider that certification as a "general contractor" assumes or includes certification for any other trade or work. In order to qualify as a CSB, MBE or FBE Subcontractor, the CSB, MBE or FBE must be certified for the specific type of work indicated on Schedule 1, the Schedule of Subcontractor Participation.

For example:

	<u>Area of Certification</u>	<u>Type of Work Subcontracted</u>	<u>Credit Given</u>
Firm 1	General Contracting	Plumbing	None
Firm 2	General Contracting <i>and</i> Plumbing	Plumbing	Full

Questions about the certification process or the OEO Schedules should be directed to the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at (216) 664-4152. Detailed Regulations and additional copies of these Schedules are available upon request.



City of Cleveland Office of Equal Opportunity Schedules Checklist

This checklist will guide you through the Office of Equal Opportunity Schedules that MUST be completed and submitted as part of your bid or proposal. If any Schedule 1 through 4 is not applicable, please mark the Schedule that is not applicable "N/A", and be sure to sign and submit the Schedule with the bid or proposal package.

Schedule 1: Project Contact Information Form

- Did you correctly calculate the subcontracting dollars and percentages for CSB, MBE and FBE subcontractors?
- Is the form complete and signed?

Schedule 2: Schedule of Subcontractor Participation

- Did you specify the total dollar amounts for each subcontract?
- Did you specify whether each subcontractor will be providing "work" or "supplies"?
- Did you verify that each subcontractor is certified for the type of work to be performed?
- Is the form complete and signed?

Schedule 3: Statement of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor

- Did the subcontractor specify the total dollar amount of the subcontract?
- Did the subcontractor specify whether it is providing "work" or "supplies"?
- If applicable, has the re-subcontracting section been completed?
- Is the form complete and signed by the subcontractor?

Schedule 4: CSB/MBE/FBE Subcontractor Unavailability/Impracticality Certification

- Did you list all companies you have contacted? (If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet)
- If you are claiming that subcontracting is not available or practical on this contract, have you provided an explanation on a separate, attached sheet?
- Is the form complete and signed?



SCHEDULE 1 PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Bidder/Proposer Name

Project Name

Part I: Bidder Information

Contractor's Full Legal Name:		Are you Certified with the Office of Equal Opportunity? Check all that apply:		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		CSB	MBE	FBE
Contractor's Address:		Federal Tax ID Number (EIN):		
City:		State:		
Contractor's Principal Officer Name:		Phone Number:		
Contractor's Authorized OEO Representative Name:		Phone Number:		

Part II: Evaluation Summary

	Total Dollar Amount	% of Contract
CSB Participation:		
MBE Participation:		
FBE Participation:		

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Bidder/Proposer Representative

Title



SCHEDULE 2 SCHEDULE OF SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION

List ALL PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS that will be participating on this contract. The Bidder or Proposer is responsible for verifying that each CSB, MBE and FBE Subcontractor listed is certified to perform the particular type of work they are expected to perform on the contract. If you need additional space, please attach additional pages as necessary.

Bidder/Proposer Name					Project Name				
Subcontractor	C S B	M B E	F B E	O t h e r	Address	Fed Tax ID # (EIN)	Part 1: SPEC ITEM #	Part 2: TYPE OF WORK OR MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	Part 3: TOTAL SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT IN DOLLARS
									\$
									\$
									\$
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									\$

The prime contractor may not substitute subcontractors between the submission of bids and award of the contract. After the contract is awarded, the prime contractor may not substitute or shift subcontractors without written approval of the Director of OEO. When there are CSB, MBE and/or FBE goals established in the bid specifications, subcontractor substitutions must preserve the original bid MBE or FBE participation percentage, unless the Director waives the requirement. The undersigned agrees that if awarded a contract, it will enter into a written agreement with each subcontractor listed above. If the total contract amount increases, the contractor shall use its best efforts to preserve the original CSB, MBE and/or FBE participation percentages for that increased amount.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Bidder/Proposer Representative

Title



SCHEDULE 3 STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR

To: _____
Bidder/Proposer Name
Project Name

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CSB
<input type="checkbox"/> MBE
<input type="checkbox"/> FBE | Have you been notified by the Office of Equal Opportunity that you have met the annual subcontracting participation maximum for this calendar year?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No |
|--|--|

The undersigned prospective subcontractor intends to perform work or furnish supplies/materials in connection with the contract as a (check all that apply):

- Individual
- Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____,
- Proprietorship,
- Partnership, or
- Joint Venture consisting of _____.

The CSB, MBE or FBE status of the undersigned contractor is confirmed in the Office of Equal Opportunity's registry of certified CSBs, MBEs and FBEs. The contractor is prepared to perform the following work items or parts thereof for the above contract.

Part 1: SPEC ITEM #s	Part 2: TYPE OF WORK OR SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	Part 3: TOTAL SUBCONTRACT AMOUNT IN DOLLARS
		\$

RE-SUBCONTRACTING

1. The undersigned prospective subcontractor will re-subcontract work on this contract:
- Yes (If Yes, fill out Sections A, and B)
 - No

- A. _____
 Name of Re-Subcontracted Company
- Majority-Owned Business
 - CSB
 - MBE
 - FBE

B. Description work or Supplies/Materials: _____ Dollar Amount: \$ _____

The undersigned prospective subcontractor will enter into a written agreement with the Bidder or Proposer for the above work items after the award, but prior to the execution of the contract with the City of Cleveland.

 Prospective Subcontractor Name

 Authorized Representative:

 Title:

 Signature:

 Date:



**SCHEDULE 4
CSB/MBE/FBE SUBCONTRACTOR
UNAVAILABILITY/IMPRACTICALITY CERTIFICATION**

REASONS FOR MBE/FBE SUBCONTRACTOR UNAVAILABILITY

Instructions:

You may insert in Schedule 4, under the column *Reasons for Unavailability*, all letters identifying the reason why each prospective subcontractor listed on Schedule 4 was unable to prepare a bid or unavailable to participate on the City contract for which you are bidding.

Example Reasons for Unavailability

- A. Subcontractor did not respond to the Bidder's request for a quotation.
- B. Subcontractor responded to the Bidder's request but not as to the type of work or supplies for which requested.
- C. Subcontractor does not perform the specific work or furnish the specific supplies the Bidder requested, as part of the type(s) of work or supplies for which OEO has certified it as a CSB/MBE/FBE.
- D. Subcontractor is unavailable because its workforce is or will be fully employed on other work during time of contract performance.
- E. Subcontractor stated it had insufficient time or information on which to prepare a bid.
- F. Subcontractor's bid price(s) were too high to be competitive (Explain in detail).
- G. Other. (Explain in detail)