



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020- 58

WHEREAS, generation after generation, citizens of the City of Tampa have served our nation by serving in America's armed forces, often at great sacrifice; and this military service by our citizenry is fundamental to the continuing freedom that America and the City of Tampa enjoy; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, honoring the service of the military veterans, past, present, and future, must be a primary commitment of the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the City of Tampa acknowledges the past and ongoing service of the military and military veterans, the City of Tampa desires to foster economic opportunities for military veterans by encouraging certification by the City of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs), providing for a committed effort to increase the number and diversity of supplier options for city procurement practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa already provides inclusionary measures to identify underrepresented business enterprises that are women-owned (WBEs), ethnic-minority owned (MBEs), collectively women and minority business enterprises (WMBEs), small local business enterprises (SLBEs) or LGBT-owned business enterprises as part of the City's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Program; and

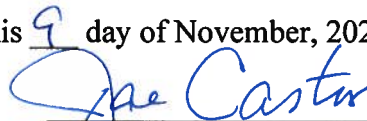
WHEREAS, the City of Tampa already adheres to non-discrimination, affirmative action and equal employment opportunity (EEO) policies with regard to individual hiring practices and public accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the City is seeking to better acknowledge the SDVOSB and VOSB community by welcoming these businesses to participate in city economic development, education and training programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, by the Revised Charter of the City of Tampa of 1975, and the Laws of the State of Florida, I hereby prescribe and promulgate the following:

1. I hereby direct the Purchasing Department and Contract Administration Department to revise our procurement policies and practices to specifically recognize and identify Certified SDVOSBs and VOSBs, in addition to City of Tampa certified WMBE, SLBE and LGBT business enterprises as appropriate under prevailing law, for the purposes of tracking and promoting inclusivity in our procurement programs.
2. I hereby direct the City Equal Business Opportunity Division to recognize the State of Florida Department of Management Services Office of Supplier Diversity's certification of veteran business enterprises as defined in section 295.187, Florida Statutes, and add these certified business enterprises to its list of registered certified vendors on its websites and public information, as it does with similar certified vendors of diverse business owners, for determining whether the SDVOSB and VOSB communities are participating in the City of Tampa's procurement process.
3. In addition to the WMBE, SLBE and LGBT checklists, I hereby direct the City Equal Business Opportunity Division to request proof of certification documentation about suppliers and contractors from any business enterprise participating in any solicitation of proposals (RFPs), qualifications (RFQs), bids (ITBs) or requests for information (RFIs), for the purpose of determining whether veteran-owned business enterprises are being counted for the purpose of tracking and promoting inclusivity in the City's procurement programs.
4. Business enterprises that also qualify to be dual certified as a City of Tampa WMBE and/or SLBE Company may become eligible for any narrowly-tailored initiative applied to contracts and industry categories where underutilization of an affected group is predicated on multi-year statistical evidence of disparity. This order shall not alter existing WMBE/SLBE procurement guidelines that are promulgated on a legal basis based upon a Disparity Study.

DONE and ORDERED this 9 day of November, 2020.



Jane Castor, Mayor

Prepared and Approved By:



Gina K. Grimes, City Attorney