## Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Program 2023 Annual Awards Report

(10/1/22 to 9/30/23)









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#### **GLOSSARY OF COMMONLY USED VERBIAGE & ACRONYMS**

#### **TERMINOLOGIES:**

#### **Primary EBO Program Terms:**

<u>WMBE</u> = Women and Minority Business Enterprise (May also be noted as W/MBE)

**SLBE** = Small Local Business Enterprise

<u>U-WMBE</u> = Underutilized Women and Minority Business Enterprise (i.e.., Construction U-WMBE is BBE),

<u>Non-U-WMBE</u> = Non-Underutilized Women and Minority Business Enterprise (i.e., Ancillary participation with the other women and minority groups).

<u>BBE</u> = Black Business Enterprise | <u>HBE</u> = Hispanic Business Enterprise | <u>ABE</u> = Asian Business Enterprise | <u>WBE</u> = Women Business Enterprise | SDVOSB/VOSB = Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business / Veteran-Owned Small Business | LGBT = Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender Business Enterprise

**Diversity Management Initiative (DMI)** - Delineate utilization of WMBEs and SLBEs based on total procurement, total dollars awarded and total actual payments

**Competitive Spend/Award** – Contracts or Bidding available for products and services needed (i.e., ITB/RFP/RFQ/CCNA).

**Non-Competitive Spend/Awards** - There are certain times when it is not possible to use the competitive bid processes to acquire goods and non-professional, professional, technical and highly specialized services. (I. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES, 7.0, 7.1)

Narrowly Tailored – When it is determined that disparity/underutilization exists for a given group, the Ordinance includes provisions that allow use of mandatory WMBE participation goals. The goals or remedies are specific to the affected group and industry category where disparity/underutilization is found.

Good Faith Efforts (GFE) - Evaluations to determine total attainment on projects for goal sets and sheltered markets.

**Goal Set vs. Goal Attainment** –U-WMBE & SLBE participation "goal-set" on projects that had pre-determined subcontract opportunities, versus the actual-overall "percent of participation" achieved at contract award.

#### **CONTRACT TYPES:**

**Sheltered Market** – Contract bidding opportunities for Certified Woman and Minority Businesses (WMBE) & Small Local Businesses (SLBE) to bid as prime contractors on projects valued at \$300,000 or less. For a project to qualify for this program, there must be at least three (3) certified firms in the same type of work category. This program helps smaller and diverse businesses compete fairly for contracts within their community.

**CCNA** – Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act, The agency shall negotiate a contract with the most qualified firm for professional services at compensation which the agency determines is fair, competitive, and reasonable. (<a href="https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/201">https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/201</a> 3/287.055)

ITB/RFP/RFQ – Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposal, Request for Qualifications

## Mission and Strategic Goals

- Identify economic <u>opportunities</u> in City contracting
- Create <u>sustainable</u> initiatives relevant to Tampa's market
- Structure competitive business opportunities commensurate with the <u>availability and capacity</u> of certified firms in the market
- Establish specifications to <u>attain</u> supplier-diversity inclusion
- Maximize utilization of WMBEs, SLBEs, LGBTBEs, and SDVOSB/VOSB in contracts by facilitating <u>access</u> to ITB, RFP, RFQ solicitations
- Measure achievement using EBO regulatory standards and audits
- Reinforce certification and outreach to foster economic <u>resiliency</u>

#### **PREFACE**

The Bar Charts and Diagrams in the Annual Awards Report provide a synopsis of contracting activity with Women and Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE) & Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBE) for **Fiscal Year 2023 (October 2022 to September 2023)**.

The policies and procedures in effect during the report period are those governed by the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance 2017-28, Chapter 26.5. City policy mandates developing initiatives that promote supplier-diversity and equity in the solicitation and award of publicly funded contracts. In addition, the City's Code of Ordinances invests the Mayor with authority to prescribe results-oriented action steps to remedy under-utilization of WMBE certified firms when Diversity Management Information (DMI) analytical reports conclude disparity exists within specific ethnic and gender business classifications. The policy initiatives outlined on page 8 represent the primary methods and business processes for facilitating WMBE & SLBE participation in contracts and the procurement of goods and services. **EBO Program Applications** are narrowly-tailored to maximize contract opportunities for under-utilized WMBE (U-WMBE) businesses as well as ensure access and participation by all Tampa Bay Area minority and small businesses (WMBE & SLBE).

The **2023 Annual Awards Report** illustrates the collective effort by City departments to continually improve access and opportunity for WMBEs & SLBEs to do business with the City of Tampa. The program initiatives administered by the Equal Business Opportunity Office focus on supplier-diversity business processes that promote "Economic Development through Opportunity".

#### What does this mean?

The Awards Report for **Fiscal Year 2023** shows how the City of Tampa worked with Women and Minority Business Enterprises (WMBE) & Small Local Business Enterprises (SLBE) from **October 2022 to September 2023** The Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance 2017-28, Chapter 26.5, which aims to make sure all kinds of businesses have a fair opportunity to acquire and participate in city contracts. Page 9 outlines the details of the EBO Program. This annual report demonstrates the efforts of city departments to utilize WMBEs & SLBEs in the procurement process.

#### **PREAMBLE**

#### **Equal Business Opportunity Program**

City of Tampa Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Ordinance 2017-28, Chapter 26.5, promotes supplier diversity through viable contracting opportunities for small and ethnic-minority & women owned businesses in City procurement. The Office of Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) is charged with implementing the provisions of City Code and achieving results-oriented objectives for equal business opportunities. EBO's mission has two main components, the Women & Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE) and the Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program. The Ordinance also mandates evaluating program performance through developing Diversity Management Information System (DMI) reports, which delineate utilization of WMBEs and SLBEs based on total procurement, total dollars awarded and total actual payments.

#### **Program Policy Objective**

The <u>SLBE Program</u> is a primary initiative and open to all independently owned small businesses, including WMBEs that have operated for a minimum of one year and meet the business size standards and gross receipt limits. The program is ethnic and gender-neutral, with an emphasis on small businesses in the Tampa Bay area. The business owner must have permanent residence in Florida, and the company must be domiciled in the SLBE Market area (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, Pasco, and Manatee Counties). The second component is the <u>WMBE Program</u>, which is ethnic and gender focused and requires validation of 51% WMBE ownership/control. The program establishes narrowly-tailored initiatives for WMBEs, which are promulgated on a legal basis and predicated on multi-year statistical evidence of disparity. When it is determined that disparity/underutilization exists for a given group, the Ordinance includes provisions that allow use of mandatory WMBE participation goals. The goals or remedies are specific to the affected group and industry category where disparity/underutilization is found (i.e. narrowly tailored).

#### **Program Guidelines and Principles**

The WMBE and SLBE Program initiatives currently implemented are based on findings in the City's Disparity Study as well as continuous metrics and analytics generated through the DMI program. The DMI program ensures the City remains compliant with the strict judicial guidelines and principles that apply to local government WMBE and SLBE contracting programs. The Office of EBO manages several business processes that provide comprehensive data collection, enhanced automation, and improved report methodology. The City continues to enhance EBO business processes with upgraded Diversity Management Software Modules. The upgrades integrate with the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) on the Oracle platform. The modules add a web-based Diversity Management Business functionality to the Equal Business Opportunity Program. It utilizes cloud-technology to facilitate efficient program interaction between vendors and EBO by providing: On-line Interactive WMBE & SLBE Certification, Subcontract Goal-Setting, Automated Contract Compliance Monitoring and Subcontract Payment Verification Audits. An overview of the functionality provided by the aforementioned modules is presented in the appendix of the report.

#### **Office of Equal Business Opportunity**

Strategic Planning & Administration of WMBE & SLBE

## Metrics and Analytics

- Regulate Contractor Reporting
- Track Contract Compliance
- Perform Disparity Analysis
- Analyze Vendor Availability
- DMI Business System
- JOC Management
- Procurement Utilization

# Outreach and Certification Services

- Outreach/Recruiting
- Certification Processing
- WMBE & SLBE Workshops
- Mediation and Appeals
- Dispute & Conflict Resolutions

Functional Areas

Full Time Employees = 5

# Compliance and Monitoring

- Contract Goal Setting
- Sheltered Market
- Bid Discount
- Job Order Contracting (JOC)
- Program Compliance
- Bid/RFP Evaluation
- Contract Monitoring
- Payment Audits

#### WMBE & SLBE Initiatives – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

The City relies upon three basic methods of contracting to procure goods and services. The EBO policy initiatives enable the City to increase access and contract opportunities for certified WMBE & SLBE businesses that are available to perform on City contracts.\*

SUBCONTRACTS: Contracts awarded by the general contractor (Prime) who hires the specialty trades needed to complete a project.

- <u>Construction, non-professional *CONTRACT GOALS* for U-WMBEs: Minority and women businesses that have been underutilized (i.e., not received a pro rata of contract dollars), will have subcontract goals established on the contract to ensure WMBE companies are retained to provide some services and supplies.</u>
- <u>Consultants, Engineers, and Architects *PROPOSAL GOALS* for U-WMBEs: Minority and women businesses that have been underutilized (i.e., have not received a pro rata of consultant dollars), may have sub-consultant goals required in the RFP/RFQ when multiple professional disciplines are needed to perform the services.</u>
- <u>Set ADDITIONAL SUBCONTRACT GOALS</u> for <u>SLBEs</u>: When availability of a U-WMBE group is insufficient to bid the services or supplies, a SLBE goal will be established on the contract. <u>Fact</u>: Many SLBEs are also certified WMBEs. This initiative ensures that non-minority small businesses and dual certified WMBEs & SLBEs continue to have access and opportunity. An overall WMBE & SLBE outreach goal may be considered when availability under a disparity/predicate does not exist nor the requisite for SLBEs.
- \*RATING POINTS from 1 to 20 awarded for WMBEs Participation: When WMBE sub-consultants are members of the team in an RFP/RFQ proposal, the non-certified Prime proposal will be awarded additional evaluation points (up to 20) on an overall scale of 100 as a factor in the selection of the proposal.

FORMAL CONTRACTS: Contracts above \$25,000 require a formal process (e.g. advertise, public open, surety bonds).

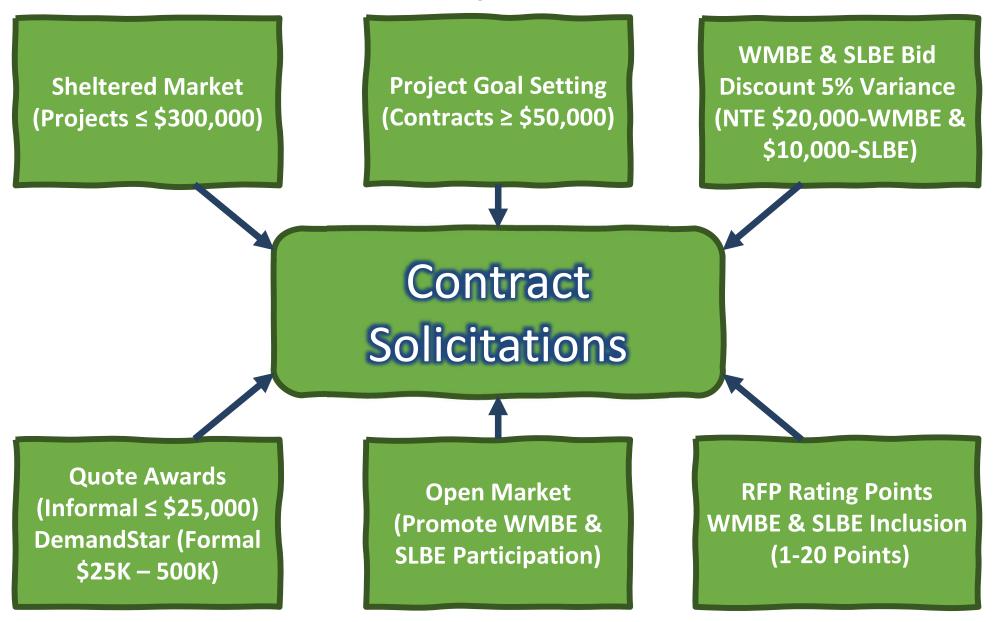
- <u>BID DISCOUNT OF 5%</u>: Allows the U-WMBE or SLBE bidder to be within 5% of the lowest bidder but cannot exceed \$20,000 for WMBEs and \$10,000 for SLBEs. (e.g., low bid is \$50,000; WMBE & SLBE bid can be \$52,000 and eligible for award).
- <u>\*RATING POINTS</u> from 1 to 20 awarded for U-WMBES Participation: When a U-WMBE firm is the Prime Consultant on an RFP/RFQ, this initiative will award 16 to 20 rating points on a scale of 100, as a factor in the selection.
- <u>SHELTERED MARKET THRESHOLD IS \$300,000</u> and includes U-WMBES & SLBEs: Sheltered Market bids allow certified U-WMBEs & SLBEs to bid within their peer group. Sheltered procurements require 3 or more certified firms and range from \$25,000 to \$300,000 allowing more solicitations to be targeted for U-WMBEs or SLBEs that have the capacity to perform as prime contractors. CCNA Work Order contracts can range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 for sheltering of professional surveying, engineering, and architectural services.

INFORMAL CONTRACTS: Quotes between \$2,000 and \$24,999.99 will be targeted to the U-WMBE & SLBE groups via DemandStar. Small value solicitations have fewer legal restrictions and more discretion in awarding.

- <u>SHELTERED MARKET</u> for U-WMBES & SLBEs: Informal Sheltered Market allows only U-WMBES & SLBEs to quote across all 5 industry categories (Construction Services, Construction-Related Services, Professional Services, Non-Professional Services, and Goods). SLBEs will be included in Sheltered Market quotes only when there are not the requisite 3 U-WMBEs available to be competitively solicited.
- <u>BID DISCOUNT OF 5%</u>: This allows a quote from only the U-WMBE to be within 5% of the lowest bid. (e.g., If a low bidder submits a bid of \$4,000, a U-WMBE firm may submit a bid of \$4,200 and be awarded an informal contract).

## **EBO Policy Applications**

**Overlaid on Competitive Procurement** 



Note:  $(\geq)$  "greater than or equal to"  $(\leq)$  "less than or equal to"

### **Competitive Contract Spend**

Total Amount Awarded

WMBE Awarded Dollars

SLBE Awarded Dollars

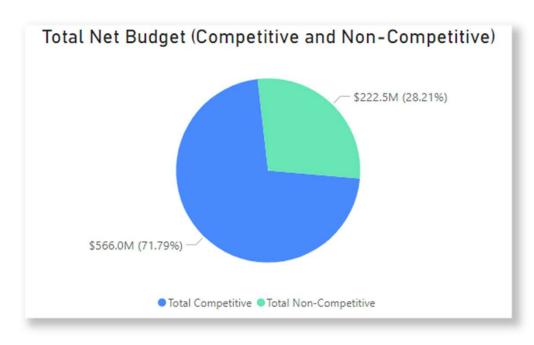
Total Competitive Awards

\$788.4M

\$38.3M

\$47.4M

\$566.0M





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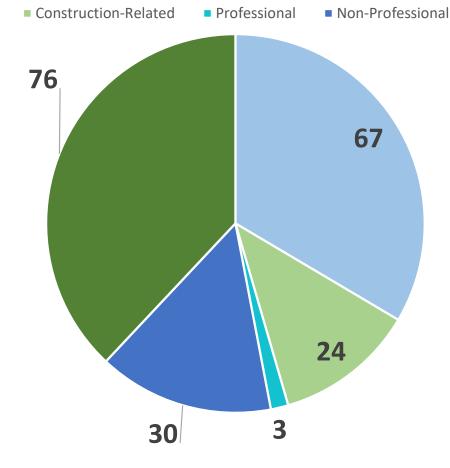
#### WMBE & SLBE programs apply only to contracts awarded through competitive solicitations

(Examples of Non-Competitive Spend and Awards include salaries, debt service, reimbursements, emergency expenditures, inter-local agreements, and State Contracts.)

#### NUMBER OF PRIME CONTRACTS AWARDED

■ Goods

#### **FY23 Contracts by Industry Category**



#### **Total Contracts: 200**

#### Note:

Construction

• 76 of 200 (38%) of all contracts awarded were for procurement of Goods.

#### **Industry Categories Explained:**

<u>Construction Services:</u> new construction, renovation, restoration, maintenance of public improvements and underground utilities.

<u>Construction-Related Services:</u> architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, design build, construction management services, or registered surveying and mapping.

<u>Professional Services:</u> attorney, accountant, medical doctor, veterinarian, miscellaneous consultant, etc.

Non-Professional Services: lawn maintenance, painting, janitorial, printing, hauling, security guard, etc.

<u>Goods:</u> all supplies, materials, pipes, equipment, machinery, appliances, and other commodities.

Note: Contracts may overlap in multiple categories (i.e., Landscaping company sells plants and installs so this could fall under goods and/or non-professional services)

#### **DOLLAR VALUE OF CONTRACTS AWARDED**



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Note: Chart measures award activity during FY23 for competitive Bid/RFP solicitations, wherein applicable EBO initiatives were implemented to maximize opportunities for WMBEs & SLBEs.

WMBEs may also certify as a SLBE firm but are not double counted.

#### **Analysis:**

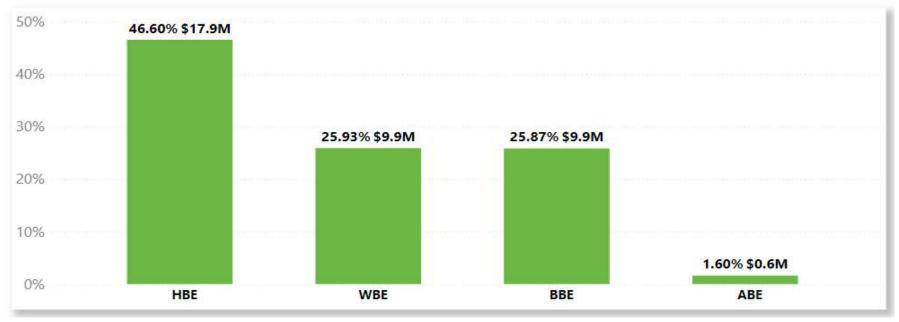
- \$38.6M Prime contract dollars awarded to WMBEs in FY22
- \$43.1M Prime contract dollars awarded to SLBEs in FY22
- FY23 had a 21.5% increase in overall competitive dollars awarded compared to FY22

#### PRIME CONTRACT DOLLARS AWARDED TO WMBEs

WMBE Awarded Dollars

\$38.3M

**Note:** Chart measures dollars awarded to certified firms by ethnicity & gender. The Percentage in the graph is reflective of 100% WMBE.



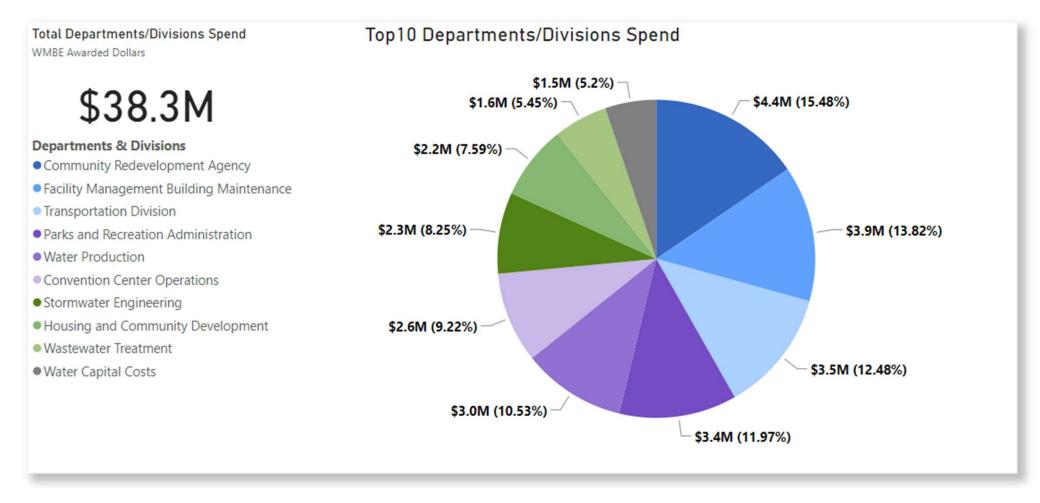
Ethnic/Gender Specific	Actual Goal Percentage	Actual Goal Dollars				
African American	1.7%	\$9.9M				
Asian American	0.1%	\$0.6M				
Hispanic American	3.2%	\$17.9M				
Native American	0.0%	\$0				
Caucasian Female	1.7%	\$9.9M				
WMBE Prime Overall Goal	6.7%	\$38.3M				
Estimate Based on Total Prime Dollars of \$566.0M						

Values with decimals may be rounded up or down based on the calculation.

Average annual goal by ethnicity and gender across all 5-industry categories combined (Construction Services, Construction-Related Services, Professional Services, Non-Professional Services, and Goods).

BBE = Black Business Enterprise, HBE = Hispanic Business Enterprise, ABE = Asian Business Enterprise, WBE = Women-Owned Business Enterprise

#### PRIME WMBE AWARDS BY DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS



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<u>Note</u>: Chart reflects dollar volume of WMBE awards by departments/divisions that achieved participation in all procurement categories.

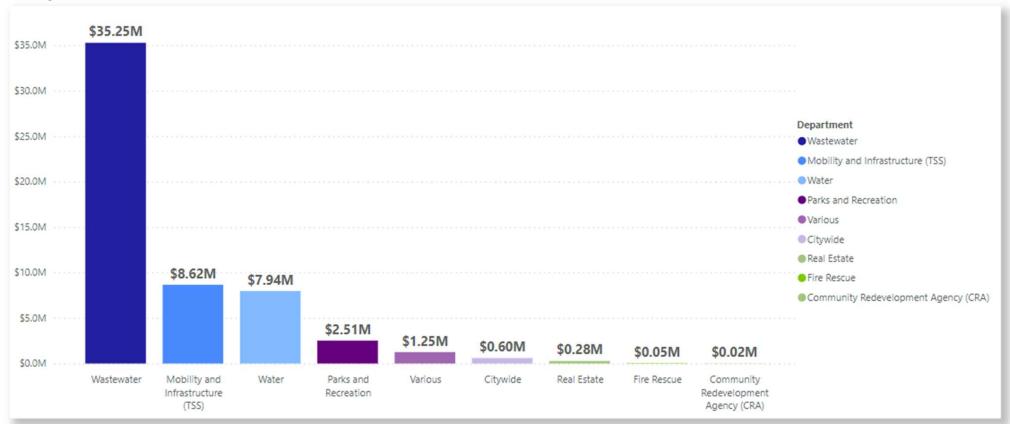
#### **Analysis**:

Top 10 of all City departments/divisions generated 74% or \$28.4M of dollars awarded to WMBE prime contractors.

#### **CONTRACTS MANAGED BY CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION (CAD)**

Total Awarded Dollars

\$56.52M

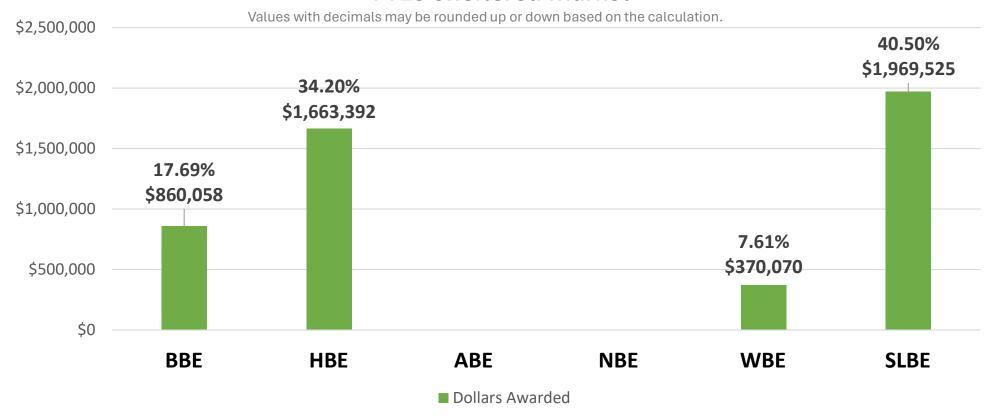


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**Note:** Chart represents WMBE Prime dollars (i.e., \$56.5M) sorted by department & division, for Construction, Architect/Engineering, Design/Build, and Construction Management; managed by Contract Administration.

#### SHELTERED MARKET PROGRAM AWARDS

#### **FY23 Sheltered Market**



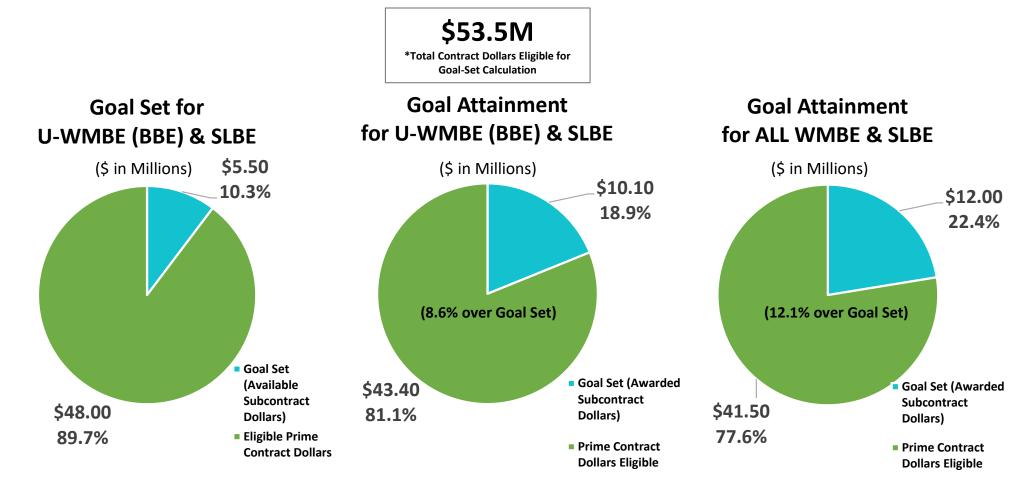
<sup>\*</sup> No contract BIDs awarded to ABE, NBE following the guidelines of the EBO Program.

<u>Note:</u> Chart reflects dollars awarded under Sheltered Market solicitations to companies that are either SLBE certified, dual certified as WMBE & SLBE, and/or designated U-WMBE.

The City of Tampa **Sheltered Market** program allows its certified WMBEs & SLBEs to bid amongst themselves as Prime contractors on projects with an estimated value of \$300K or less. There must be 3 or more firms certified in the applicable work category for the project to be considered eligible for sheltering.

<u>Analysis:</u> The FY23 awards totaled estimated <u>\$4.9M</u> comprised of <u>45</u> prime contracts to WMBE & SLBE firms.

#### SUBCONTRACT GOAL PROGRAM



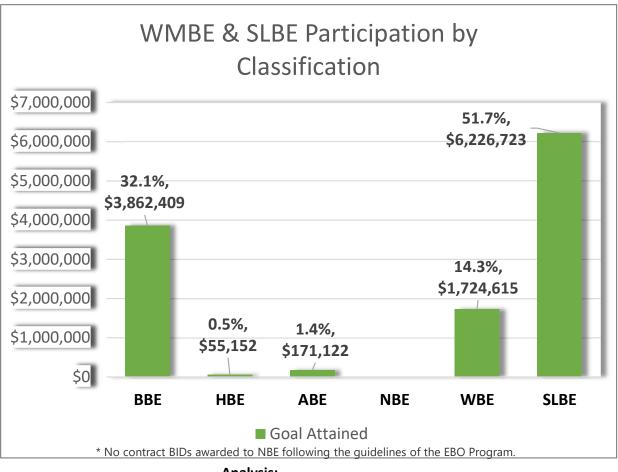
<u>Note:</u> Chart compares the <u>average</u> WMBE & SLBE participation "goal-set" on projects, i.e., \$53.5M, that had pre-determined subcontract opportunities, versus the <u>actual-overall</u> "percent of participation" achieved at contract award. Total reviewed projects estimated over \$53.5M to calculate goals. \*Total contract dollars include overhead and profit and the cost of goods or services by the prime contractor.

<u>Analysis:</u> In FY23 overall subcontract participation all WMBEs & SLBEs average goal attainment was <u>12.1%</u> over the targeted actual goals established on eligible projects <u>based on GFE</u>. This can be attributed to the City's commitment to economic sustainability through assessing subcontract opportunities in all procurement activity, ensuring accountability across operating departments, ensuring bidder awareness of Equal Business Opportunity guidelines and, EBO enforcement of GFE Compliance Plans.

#### WMBE & SLBE PARTICIPATION VIA SUBCONTRACT GOAL ATTAINMENT

Ethnic/Gender Specific	Actual Goal Percentage	Actual Goal Dollars
African American	7.22%	\$3.9M
Asian American	0.32%	\$0.17M
Hispanic American	0.10%	\$0.06M
Native American	0.00%	\$0.0M
Caucasian Female	3.22%	\$1.7M
WMBE Subcontract Overall Goal	10.86%	\$6.3M
SLBE Subcontract Overall Goal	11.59%	\$6.2M

Estimate Based on Total Subcontracting Dollars: \$53.5M



Values with decimals may be rounded up or down based on the calculation.

Note: Chart reflects subcontract participation by ethnicity and gender as a percentage of total WMBE & SLBE subcontract dollars awarded, i.e., \$12.5M. A concerted effort by the City organization is paramount to effective implementation of the Administration's WMBE & SLBE policy initiatives; thus, assuring adherence to EBO procurement guidelines and prohibiting pro-forma solicitation by bidders or proposers who marginalize participation goals. The expectation is that a bidder's supplier-diversity strategy, active outreach efforts and commitment to inclusion can, in prospect achieve participation commensurate with WMBE & SLBE goals.

#### **Analysis:**

WMBE & SLBE Goal Attainment is \$12.5M

Total WMBE Subcontract awards is \$6.3M

(48.3% of overall WMBE & SLBE Goal Attainment)

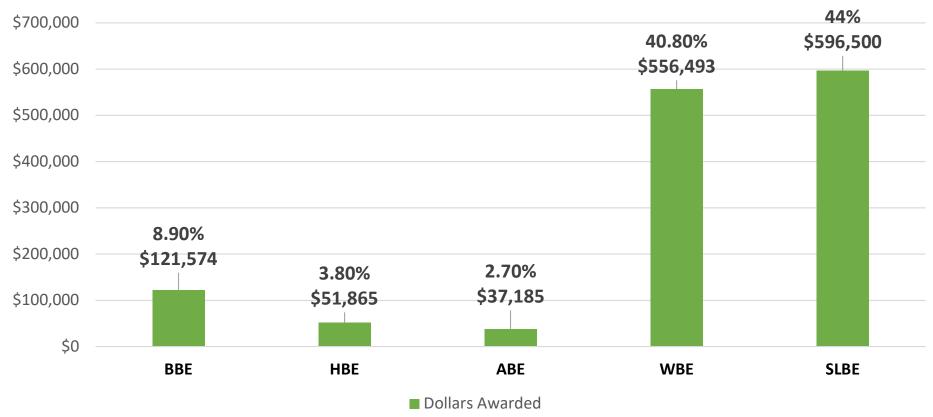
Total **SLBE** subcontract awards is **\$6.2M** 

(51.7% of overall WMBE & SLBE attainment)\_

Black Business Enterprise (BBE) was awarded 32.1% of all WMBE and SLBE dollars in FY23.

#### **CCNA WORK ORDER AGREEMENT AWARDS**

#### FY23 Construction-Related Purchase Orders



Values with decimals may be rounded up or down based on the calculation.

**Note**: Chart reflects Purchase Orders awarded to pre-selected firms under the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) "Work Order Agreement Contract" with the City of Tampa from October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

WMBEs that are dual certified as an SLBE firm are included in SLBE category. WMBEs that are only certified as BBE, HBE, and WBE are shown in the other columns above.

#### **Analysis**:

BBE = 8.9%
HBE = 3.8%
ABE = 2.7%
WBE = 40.8%

Total WMBEs = 56% or \$767,117
 SLBE = 44% or \$596,500

#### **INFORMAL & FORMAL CONTRACTS WITH WMBE & SLBE VENDORS**



**Note**: Chart reflects cumulative discretionary procurement <\$25k using DemandStar electronic notification, which allows department buyers to more effectively solicit WMBE quotes.

- Formal consists of DemandStar Bids \$25K to \$500K
- Informal consists of Quote Awards \$2K to \$25K

#### **OVERVIEW OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY**

МВЕ	556	SLBE	607	WBE	22:
African American	288	African American	215	Caucasian	22
Construction	59	Construction	37	Construction	5:
Construction-Related		Construction-Related		Construction-Related	
Services	33	Services	21	Services	3
Goods	25	Goods	18	Goods	3
Non-Professional Services	129	Non-Professional Services	113	Non-Professional Services	5
Professional Services	42	Professional Services	26	Professional Services	4
Asian American	37	Asian American	18		
Construction	8	Construction	3		
Construction-Related		Construction-Related			
Services	16	Services	9		
Goods	4	Goods	1		
Non-Professional Services	4	Non-Professional Services	3		
Professional Services	5	Professional Services	2		
Caucasian	1	Caucasian	235		
Goods	1	Construction	60		
		Construction-Related			
Hispanic American	225	Services	55	Note: Active	
Construction	79	Goods	26		
Construction-Related				Certifications as of	•
Services	43	Non-Professional Services	55	the end of the FY2	2
Goods	18	Professional Services	39	the end of the FYZ	<b>3</b>
				period. SLBE conta	ins
Non-Professional Services	63	Hispanic American	136	dual certified firms	_
Professional Services	22	Construction	48	dual certified firms	٠.
	<u>_</u>	Construction-Related			
Native American	5	Services	20		
Construction	2	Goods	7		
Goods	1	Non-Professional Services	52		
Non-Professional Services	1	Professional Services	9		
Professional Services	1	Native American	3		
		Construction	1		
		Goods	1		
		Professional Services	1		
		Grand Total	1384		

#### **Equal Business Opportunity Program Overall Goals**

WMBE Prime Contract Annual Goals						
Ethnic/Gender Specific	Target Goal Percentage					
African American	4.49%					
Asian American	0.55%					
Hispanic American	4.28%					
Native American	0.02%					
Caucasian Female	5.33%					
WMBE Prime Overall Goal	<u>14.67%</u>					
SLBE Prime	Contract Annual Goal					
Ethnic/Gender Neutral	Target Goal Percentage					
SLBE Program	6.00%					
WMBE Sub	contract Annual Goals					
Ethnic/Gender Specific	Target Goal Percentage					
African American	4.30%					
Asian American	0.53%					
Hispanic American	4.68%					
Native American	0.02%					
Caucasian Female	5.47%					
WMBE Subcontract Overall Goal	<u>15.00%</u>					
SLBE Subo	SLBE Subcontract Annual Goal					
Ethnic/Gender Neutral	Target Goal Percentage					
SLBE Program	<u>10.06%</u>					

- Percentages represent actual target/goal to evaluate pro-rata spend, <u>not by population</u>; by existing market area <u>businesses certified</u> by race and gender
- Percentage Goals are based upon analysis of procurement within five industry categories and companies certified as WMBEs & SLBEs in the marketplace who are eligible to perform services anticipated to be contracted during City's fiscal year(s).
- Annual Goals tabulated represent combined average for all 5-industry categories, by race/gender and prime/subcontract program areas.
- Goals are established pursuant to City Ordinance, Chapter 26.5 and the (DMI) Disparity Analysis Report

		Underutilized Prin	ne WMBEs by Ind	ustry Category (N	Narrowly Tailore	d)	
	Estimated Contract Range	Construction	Construction- Related	Professional	Non- Professional	Goods	Applicable Policies
INFORMAL PROCUREMENT	\$0 - \$1,999.99	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Native Am.	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Asian Hispanic Native Am. Woman	■ Must use DemandStar ■ Note***
INFORMAI	\$2,000 - \$24,999.99	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Native Am.	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Asian Hispanic Native Am. Woman	<ul> <li>Must use</li> <li>DemandStar</li> <li>Sheltered Market</li> <li>Bid Preference 5%</li> <li>Up to 20 Rating</li> <li>Pts.</li> <li>Note**</li> </ul>
FORMAL PROCUREMENT	\$25,000 - \$300,000	Black Hispanic Native Am. Woman	Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Asian Native Am.	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	<ul> <li>Must use DemandStar</li> <li>Sheltered Market (CCNA = \$100,000 Cap)</li> <li>Bid Preference 5%</li> <li>Up to 20 Rating Pts.</li> <li>Note**</li> </ul>
	\$300,000.01 - \$500,000	Black Hispanic Native Am. Woman	Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Asian Native Am.	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Bid Preference 5% Up to 20 Rating Pts.

	Underutilized WMBE Subcontracting / Subconsulting (Narrowly Tailored)						
RK	Estimated Contract Range	Construction	Construction- Related	Professional	Non- Professional	Goods	Applicable Policies
SUB WORK	Estimated \$50,000 or greater	Black	Black Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Hispanic Asian Native Am. Woman	Black Asian Native Am.	Black Asian Native Am. Woman	• Contract % Goals • Up to 20 Rating Pts. • Note*

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•Black: Black/African-American Business Enterprise
•Native Am.: Native American Business Enterprise

•Hispanic: Hispanic Business Enterprise

•Asian: Asian Business Enterprise

•Woman: Woman Business Enterprise (Caucasian)

#### **Industry Definitions:**

•Construction: Definition: New construction, renovation, restoration, maintenance of public improvements, and underground utilities.

•Construction-Related Services: Definition: Architecture, professional engineering, landscape architecture, design-build, construction management, or registered surveying and mapping.

• **Professional Services**: Definition: Attorney, accountant, medical doctor, veterinarian, or miscellaneous consultant.

•Non-Professional Services: Definition: Lawn maintenance, painting, janitorial, printing, hauling, security guard, etc.

•Goods: Definition: All supplies, materials, pipes, equipment, machinery, appliances, and other commodities.

#### **Applicable Policy - Determining Factors:**

Procurement Type

•ITB vs. RFP

Estimated Value

•Work Scope

Underutilized WMBE & SLBE Availability

#### Notes:

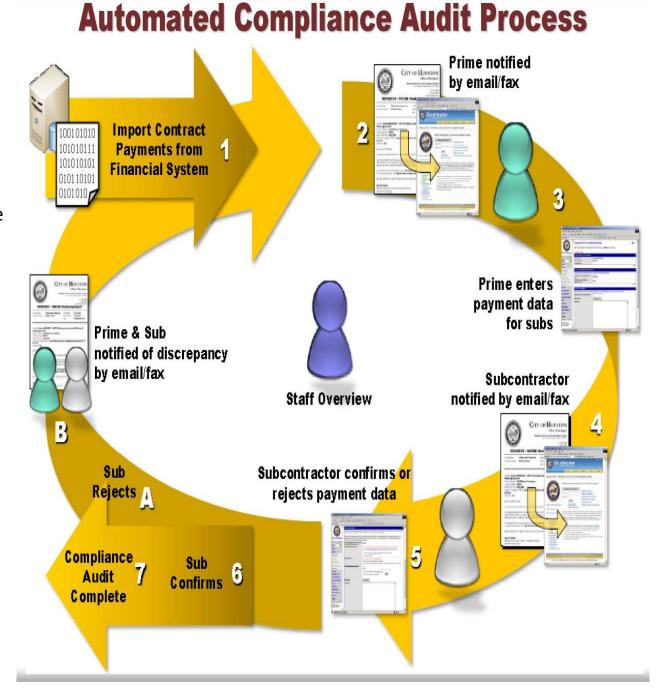
•When availability of an underutilized group is insufficient to set a WMBE-specific goal, an SLBE goal will be established on Prime Bids and Prime Proposals.

•Underutilized WMBEs will be included with SLBEs to fulfill the requisite availability of 3 certified firms to designate the procurement as Sheltered Market.

•Underutilized WMBEs will be solicited for informal quotes (e.g., P-Card/Phone); SLBEs will also be solicited, specifically when product/service isn't available through the underutilized WMBE group.

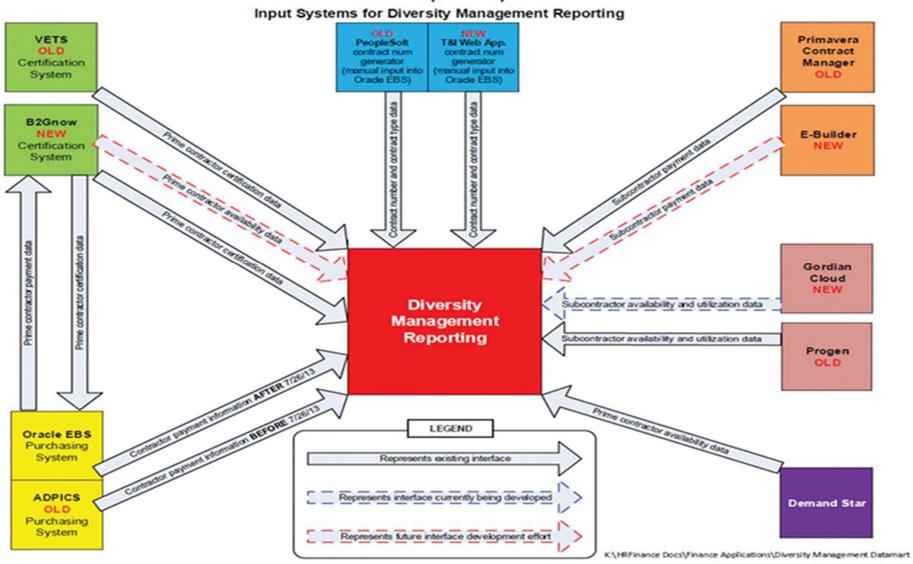
#### **EBO Audit Steps:**

- 1. City payments to prime contractor are input into the Diversity Management Business System
- **2.** System alerts the prime of pending audits for "Prompt Payment" to all subcontactors
- **3.** Prime enters number of payments made to all sub-contracts for audit period
- **4.** Sub-contractors are notified of payments reported by the prime for their services
- **5.** Sub-contractors verify actual number of payments received to what was invoiced
- **6.** Sub-contractor agrees to payment amount and EBO authorizes contract is in compliance.
- **7.** (A-B) If discrepancies or disagreements occur the system alerts all parties and EBO initiates corrective action to bring contract into compliance



### Diagram of Input Systems for Tampa's Diversity Management System

(Phase 3)



- Diagram shows the complexity of the multiple systems required to collect all data on dollars spent by the City of Tampa.
- These systems allow for evaluation of actual payments received by WMBEs, SLBEs and Non-Minority vendors to measures inclusion and determine if disparity exists.





#### **Diversity Management Software**

B2Gnow/LCPtracker is the most sophisticated software available to Manage government diversity programs. Whether DBE, ACDBE, SBE, MBE, WBE, or any other type, the system captures and reports on all information imaginable while allowing staff more time for outreach and enforcement. As a web-based, hosted solution, there are no costly technical aspects to worry about - we've got you covered.

**Contract & Concession Compliance** 

- Track construction, service, supply, and professional service contracts.
- Track retail, food/beverage, parking, and rental car concession agreements.
- Compliant with U.S. DOT 49 CFR Part 26 and Part 23.
- All subcontractor payments and concession revenues are self-reported and verified electronically, including prompt payment status.
- Track real-time participation against goals up to 10 subcontractor tiers deep.

#### **Certification Processing & Online Applications**

- Track all types of applications (DBE, SBE, MBE, WBE, etc.) from receipt to approval.
- Generate letters and send emails/faxes to applicants.
- Note owners, PNW, and gross receipts; track site visits; and capture all relevant information.
- Publish certifications to real-time online directory with owner, keyword, commodity code, description search, and download capabilities.
- Detailed online application with configurable questions for firms to complete and submit.
- All application types supported DBE, ACDBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, LBE, HUB, etc.
- Electronic and hardcopy documentation.
- Automated alerts by email and fax.

#### **Goal Setting & Bid Tracking**

- Set goals based on statistical (disparity study, census, bid list) data and past achievement.
- Track bids and prime/sub bidders for all applicable projects.

#### **Labor Compliance & Prevailing Wage**

- Contractors submit and certify online prevailing wage reports.
- Track workforce utilization and generate internal and public reports.
- Comply with federal Davis-Bacon, state, and local wage rules.
- Reporting and tracking of ARRA, EEO, residency, and apprentice requirements.

#### **Outreach Management**

- Create campaigns and add vendors based upon certification status, NAICS/NIGP code, location.
- Send solicitations and related procurement notices to vendors and post on the public bulletin board.
- Distribute notices by fax and email.

#### **Vendor Management**

- Self-management and registration by vendors.
- Search the extensive vendor database and generate comprehensive reports.
- Export 100 fields of data.

#### **Insurance Management**

- Assess compliance with contract insurance requirements.
- Use electronic checklists to streamline and audit the validation process.
- Track Acord certificates, sureties, performance bonds, and more.
- Alert staff, agents and contractors of upcoming insurance expiration.

Comprehensive **Functionality** 









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## Modular Design





#### **Diversity Management Software**

#### **Benefits**



- Staff labor savings of 50-70%.
- Reduced disparity study cost.
- Integrated platform saves time and effort.
- Staff training is quick, easy, and unlimited.
- Improved relationships between government, primes, and subs.
- Consistently remind all contractors of responsibilities and program benefits.
- Automated gathering of data.

#### **Features**

- Comprehensive and user friendly.
- Easy to configure to current processes; baseline system available within days.
- Paperless transactions with everything documented in standardized format.
- Comprehensive standard, graphic, and ad-hoc reporting capabilities.
- No hardware or software to procure and maintain.
- ◆ 100% web-based.

The interconnected modules can be implemented as a multi-function enterprise system or a single module.



## Equal Business Opportunity Program 2024 Growth Plan



Equal Business Opportunity administers City of Tampa Code of Ordinance 2017-28, chapter 26.5, EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM. EBO monitors city contracting and procurement and is here to eliminate discrimination and the effects of past discrimination. To do this we have identified some key actions that will be executed in the current and coming years. Certifications are the essence of the program, and our goal is to expand our database of certified firms for all trades and industries across all ethnic groups.

To accomplish this, EBO will be focusing on some key initiatives:

- Expand the Certified Firm Directory with targeted Outreach Events
  - o Contact expired certified firms and encourage recertification
  - o Create a targeted outreach program focused on specific minority groups and/or trades
- Partner with community leaders and with businesses to understand challenges, to implement appropriate solutions o Continue to build trust and integrity with the business community
- Enforce EBO ordinance compliance by Prime Contractors to prevent the exclusion of SLBEs & WMBEs
- Review the markets, industries, and adjusting methodologies if needed to ensure an equal playing field for SLBEs & WMBEs.
- Educate businesses and internal partners within The City of Tampa in understanding the EBO program and the impact it has when partnered with the community.
- Hire additional staff to facilitate process in the EBO program.

## Fiscal Year 2023 WMBE & SLBE Awards Report





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Thank You