

Goal Setting & Multiple Award Processes for Commodity Procurements

1. Problem Statement(s)

- There were no goals set and multiple award processes for commodity procurements
- City of Austin Purchasing Department procured crush stone from a non-minority contractor but did not identify any MWBE subcontracting opportunities
- No bids were received from Certified firms

2. Action Item(s)

- Purchasing and SMBR did not review procurement for subcontracting opportunities (Purchasing, construction, and goods & services)
- Purchasing and SMBR did not break down crush granite procurement into smaller packages
- Review contract terms for modification
- Solicit bids from certified firms

3. Recommendation(s)

These recommendations are in accordance with the City of Austin Ordinance (Chapter 2-9A)

- Purchasing and SMBR must review all procurements for subcontracting opportunities
- Commodities should be scrutinized for subcontracting opportunities
- Purchasing and SMBR staff - Break out procurement opportunities to smaller packages
- Decrease contract terms from three years to one year. Reason: Term reduction decreases total contract price and makes contract affordable for more minority firms to bid)
- Solicit bids from certified MWBE firms
- Review modifications of MWBE certification.

4. Solution(s): Economic Opportunity Council Committee to Determine

*****Additional Comments*****

- Do not limit number of categories of MWBE Certification
 - Eliminate goal preference
 - Minimum years in business and experience should only be considered when certifying a firm as per 49CFR PT(s)23 and 26
 - Set goal with multiple awards
 - Procuring commodities
1. Find subcontracting opportunities (supplier and trucking)