



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Edward Campos, Director of Small and Minority Business Resources Department

DATE: November 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Update on Minority-Owned and Women Business Enterprise Procurement Program

This memo serves to inform you about an item that will be moving forward for City Council's consideration at the Council meeting scheduled on December 2, 2021.

Staff is requesting an amendment of City Code Chapters 2-9A, 2-9B, 2-9C, and 2-9D, which would extend the sunset date of the Minority-Owned and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program to December 31, 2022. Currently the Program sunsets or ends on March 31, 2022, unless Council takes action.

In January 2020, Council approved the execution of an agreement with Collette Holt & Associates to conduct a disparity study to ensure that MBE/WBE/DBEs have equal access to contracting opportunities and that the City's current programs remain legally defensible and administratively successful. The final study is expected to be received in December 2021.

The nine-month extension will provide time for staff to facilitate information sessions and provide briefings about the disparity study findings to key stakeholders, including the Inclusive Procurement Working Group formed in response to [Resolution No. 20200326-053](#), MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee, and the general public. Staff will also provide a briefing to Council regarding those findings.

In addition, staff will continue to seek recommendations and changes to the current MBE/WBE Procurement Program from the Inclusive Procurement Working Group and the MBE/WBE and Small Business Enterprise Procurement Program Advisory Committee. We anticipate providing Council the final recommendations for adoption of a new MBE/WBE Program Ordinance prior to the proposed new sunset date.

Please contact Edward Campos at Edward.Campos@austintexas.gov (512) 974-7206 or Tamela Saldana Tamela.Saldana@austintexas.gov (512) 974-7844 with any questions.

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