

LDBE WAIVER REQUEST PROCEDURE

This procedure must be followed if an offeror cannot meet the LDBE subcontracting requirements in whole or in part. The Request for Waiver must be submitted in writing with the proposal. The Request for Waiver must report and document the efforts made by the offeror to solicit LDBEs for participation and clearly outline the offeror's reasons why no subcontracting opportunities exist. A waiver request must also demonstrate that there are an insufficient number of LDBEs to provide adequate competition and reasonable prices. The provisions of Section IX (04) must be reviewed by the offeror before submitting a request for a waiver.

A blanket statement that there are no LDBE businesses to provide services or materials related to the bid/offer is INADEQUATE. An explanation of how that conclusion was reached must be provided or the request will be determined to be pro forma and not in good faith.

Actions which may demonstrate a good faith effort on the part of the bidder include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Attend any pre-proposal meetings that are scheduled by the Authority;
2. Advertise in major circulation newspapers such as The Washington Post, trade associations, small business, and minority and women oriented media concerning the subcontracting opportunities;
3. Provide written notice to a reasonable number of specific LDBEs that their interest in the contract is being solicited, in sufficient time to allow the LDBEs to participate effectively;
4. Follow up initial solicitations of interest by contacting LDBEs to determine with certainty whether the LDBEs were interested.
5. Select portions of the work to be performed by LDBEs in a manner that will increase the likelihood of meeting the LDBE requirement;
6. Provide interested LDBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract;
7. Negotiate in good faith with interested LDBEs, and not reject LDBEs as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities; and,
8. Make efforts to assist interested LDBEs in obtaining bonding or insurance, if needed.

WAIVER REQUEST (Continued)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

_____ hereby requests a waiver of the required contract requirement for the participation of LDBEs as specified in solicitation number _____.

All good faith efforts to identify potential LDBEs as subcontractors have been made, but we have been unable to meet the LDBE requirement for the following reason(s):

(Authorized Representative)

(Date)

NOTE: All advertisements, telephone conversations, and other documentation to support this statement should be attached.