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## **I. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Certification**

Only those Small Business Enterprises certified by the Cuyahoga County 's Office of Procurement & Diversity (OPD) shall be eligible for the fulfillment of the SBE participation goal. SBE listings may be obtained from the Office of Procurement & Diversity. If a Small Business Enterprise elects to compete for county business without being certified as such, they may do so, but any bid submitted will not be counted towards fulfillment of the SBE participation goal.

An SBE desiring certification with OPD must complete the certification application. SBE applications may be obtained from the:

Office of Procurement & Diversity  
County Administration Building, Room 110  
1219 Ontario Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113  
(216) 443-7230  
or downloaded at [www.opd.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.opd.cuyahogacounty.us)

## **II. SBE Participation Goal**

The SBE Participation goal can be achieved in the following manner(s):

1. A prime vendor subcontracts with one or more certified SBEs to meet or exceed the SBE goal;
2. A prime vendor subcontracts with one or more certified SBEs in an amount short of the SBE goal, but submits a complete Good Faith Effort (further described below);
3. A certified SBE who bids as a prime contractor subcontracts a portion of the work to another certified SBE. Certified SBEs bidding as prime contractors will receive a 20% credit towards the SBE participation goal. However, the certified SBE must secure additional certified SBE subcontractor participation and/or seek a waiver based on Good Faith Effort (further described below) for any remaining balance of the SBE goal.

## **III. Mandatory Bidding Requirements for Prime Contractors**

In consideration of the right and privilege to submit a bid or proposal on construction projects and other contracts with Cuyahoga County, at the time of submitting a proposal or bid, each participant shall be required to present appropriate documentation. The documents described below must be completed and signed by each Participant before a proposal or bid can be considered responsive:

- 3) Covenant of Non-Discrimination: Each Participant must submit a duly executed and attested Covenant of Non-Discrimination (SBE-1, found in the attached Bidder's Manual). This written instrument shall contain promises, declarations and/or affirmations made by the Participant. The completed document must contain an original signature and date of signature.
- 4) SBE Subcontractor Participation Plan: Each Participant must submit a duly executed Subcontractor Participation Plan (SBE-2, found in the attached B ) for each SBE subcontractor proposed.

























