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#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Greetings,

It is my pleasure to present the Minority & Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program Annual Report for Fiscal 2021-2022.

Since 1983, the City's M/WBE Program has proactively worked to increase the participation of minority and women-owned businesses by implementing programs that provide assistance and training to M/WBE firms, revising policies that are an impediment to equal opportunity of participation for M/WBE businesses, and supporting the development of M/WBE firms.

Despite the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, M/WBEs have proven to be a crucial component in our economy. During fiscal year 2021-22, overall spending with M/WBE firms totaled \$16.1 million. The City looks forward to continuing to provide tools necessary for the growth and success of M/WBEs.

Some accomplishments throughout this fiscal year include:

- Purchase orders for "goods and services" placed with M/WBE businesses totaled \$10.5 million, surpassing the previous fiscal years.
- 121 M/WBE vendors joined the city's vendor listing database electing to receive weekly communications regarding city and local agency business resources for M/WBEs.
- During fiscal year 2021-22, the M/WBE division provided technical assistance to 244 M/WBE vendors

We thank the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and City Council for their commitment to expanding opportunities and access to M/WBE businesses.

Sincerely,

**Jakira Westbrook**, Business Inclusion Manager



#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Since 1983 it has been the policy of the city of Winston-Salem to provide minorities and women equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of city contracting and purchasing programs, including but not limited to, participation in procurement contracts for commodities and services as well as for contracts relating to construction, repair work and/or leasing activities.

It is further the policy of the city of Winston-Salem to prohibit discrimination against any person or business in pursuit of these opportunities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin and to conduct its contracting and purchasing programs so as to prevent such discrimination.

Through the Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise Program, the city of Winston-Salem -- in concert with other local, state and federal agencies, and with the assistance of minority groups and agencies -- works to seek and identify qualified minority and women business enterprises and offer them the opportunity to participate as providers of goods and services to the city.

The M/WBE program is administered by the Minority/Womenowned Business Enterprise Division of the Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement.

The division organizes workshops and seminars for minority- and women-owned businesses. In addition, the division works to ensure that minorities and women have the opportunity to do business with the city, including contracts for:

- Commodities
- Construction and repairs
- · Leasing and maintenance activities.
- General, professional, and other services
- All purchasing by departments or divisions that is classified as discretionary spending.

The division provides staff support for the M/WBE Advisory Committee in setting and monitoring participation goals for construction projects.

The M/W BE Division also maintains a database of M/WBE vendors as a resource for city departments and divisions and for the general public. The database allows the city to be proactive in soliciting bids from M/WBE businesses for upcoming projects. During 2021-22, 121 M/WBE vendors were added to the database.



## M/WBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The M/WBE Advisory Committee was established by a resolution adopted by the City Council on Nov. 10, 1987. The committee is responsible for reviewing the city's M/WBE program, for evaluating the good-faith effort of contractors to meet the city's goals for M/WBE participation in city projects, and for making appropriate recommendations to City Council.

The committee's members are appointed by City Council upon the recommendation of the Mayor. Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms. The committee meets once per month.

Lalique Metz, Vice Chairperson Cassandra Brunson Jordan Gwyn Cornelius Graves Steven Hemric Jonathan Gerstmyer



## THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS INCLUSION AND ADVANCEMENT

The Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise Division is one of two main responsibilities of the Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement. BIA is also responsible for the city's business development.

The Business Development Division monitors and promotes business and economic development opportunities throughout the city utilizing a series of related programs to provide concentrated assistance to targeted areas and groups. The division focuses on enhancing the quality of life by attracting, creating, and retaining jobs; augmenting the tax base; and assisting small and minority-owned businesses.



Ken Millett Director



Jakira Westbrook Business Inclusion Manager



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Gwendolyn Teal
Diversity Compliance Specialist



Steven Harrison
Small Business
Development Specialist



Hannah Hernandez Administrative Assistant

#### 2021-22 M/WBE **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During the fiscal year 2021-22, the M/WBE Division organized or participated in 10 virtual public outreach events:

#### IS YOUR GOOD FAITH EFFORT GOOD **ENOUGH?**

The M/WBE Division organized two workshops for general contractors and consultants. They discussed the standards for judging M/ WBE subcontracting efforts and explained changes in policies and procedures to help put contractors and consultants in the best position to win contracts and to gain M/WBE participation. About 50 attended.

#### **HUB CERTIFICATION DAY.**

HUB Certification Day is an annual event that provides free handson assistance with completing state certification as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB). Four virtual events were held. Promoted in minority-focused media, and on the city's social media accounts. The events drew about 116 participants.

#### VIRTUAL EVENT **Guidelines** for Good **Faith Efforts**



A FREE online workshop presented by the city of Winston-Salem Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program

#### Thursday, May 19





#### M/WBE INFORMATION SESSIONS.

Two virtual seminars were held to help businesses understand the city's M/WBE program that promotes the participation of minority and women-owned businesses in city contracts. Topics included M/WBE policies, details about forms and useful information about the M/WBE participation process, using the city's vendor listing and the state's Historically Underutilized Businesses listing, and how minority and women-owned businesses can get on the listings. The two events drew about 68 participants.

#### VIRTUAL EVENTS

#### **2022 HUB Certification**

Get greater exposure to business opportunities in state purchasing and contracting with certification as a N.C. Historically Underutilized Business. Certification is free and valid for four years.

#### WEDNESDAYS from 10-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 23, 2022 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEB. 21

May 25, 2022

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 23** 

Aug. 17, 2022 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUG. 15** 

Nov. 16, 2022 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV. 14** 

Register by visiting: CityofWS.org/MWBE For more information contact Jakira Westbrook:



#### OVERVIEW OF FORECASTED CITY PROJECTS VIRTUAL OUTREACH EVENT.

A free virtual event to provide potential prime contractors and M/WBE subcontractors with an overview of forecasted city projects. Representatives from city departments provided information about forecasted city capital/bond projects through 2022. Promoted in minority-focused media, and on the city's social media accounts. The events drew about 43 participants.

## CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM M/WBE INFORMATION SESSION: RFP/RFQ M/WBE COMPLIANCE.

This was a free virtual event to provide potential prime consultants information regarding forms and useful information about the M/WBE participation process, using the city's vendor listing and the state's Historically Underutilized Businesses listing, and how minority and women-owned businesses can get on the city of Winston-Salem vendor listing. The events drew about 24 participants.





# Do business with M/WBE in Winston-Salem!

Join the City of Winston-Salem's Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement Minority and Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program for a free virtual information session on Thursday, June 17 at 1 p.m.

Topics will include: professional, general, and other services process overview, bidding opportunities, M/WBE policies, utilizing the city's vendor listing and HUB certification

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 16. Attendees will be sent access information to the email address used during registration. For questions, please contact Jakira Westbrook at jakirab@cityofws.org or 336-734-1238.





#### 2021-22 M/WBE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 M/WBE SPENDING SUMMARY

The city of Winston Salem regularly tracks M/WBE spending in four categories: Construction & Repair; Subcontracting Activity; Procurement Card Spending; and Goods and Services.

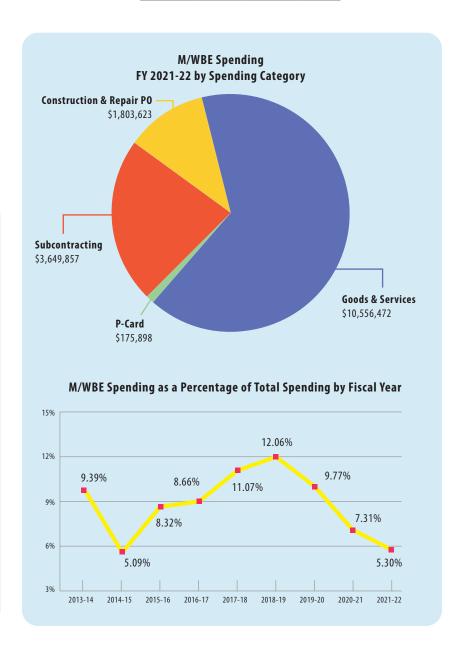
During fiscal year 2021-22, overall spending with M/WBE firms totaled \$16.1 million, an increase of \$360,000 over the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$5.8 million was spent with minority-owned businesses and \$10.2 million was spent with women-owned businesses.

As a percentage of overall spending, M/WBE participation in fiscal 2021-22 equaled 5.30 percent of all city spending. This is down 2.01 percent from the previous fiscal year.

# Fiscal Year 2021-22 Spending by Vendor Ownership MBE \$5,899,289 Non-M/WBE \$289,357,916

#### M/WBE Spending Breakout by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Spending	MBE	MBE %	WBE	WBE %	Total M/WBE	M/WBE %
2013-14	\$92,188,630	\$2,345,105	2.54%	\$6,308,244	6.84%	\$8,653,349	9.39%
2014-15	\$262,920,520	\$6,975,918	2.65%	\$6,415,905	2.44%	\$13,391,823	5.09%
2015-16	\$215,368,683	\$6,326,736	2.94%	\$11,586,962	5.38%	\$17,913,698	8.32%
2016-17	\$236,333,685	\$7,896,624	3.34%	\$12,566,756	5.32%	\$20,463,380	8.66%
2017-18	\$235,780,627	\$12,932,990	5.49%	\$13,161,950	5.58%	\$26,094,940	11.07%
2018-19	\$193,162,591	\$11,308,348	5.85%	\$11,988,398	6.21%	\$23,296,746	12.06%
2019-20	\$190,600,252	\$7,971,075	4.18%	\$10,662,857	5.59%	\$18,633,932	9.77%
2020-21	\$216,361,507	\$7,746,736	3.58%	\$8,078,550	3.73%	\$15,825,287	7.31%
2021-22	\$305,543,766	\$5,899,289	1.93%	\$10,286,561	3.37%	\$16,185,850	5.30%

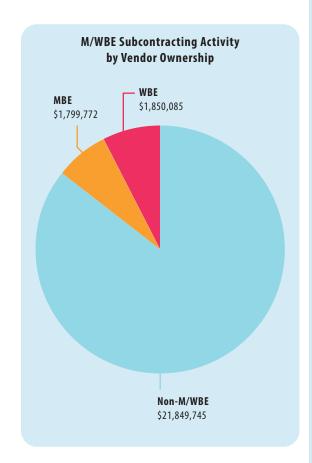


#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 SUBCONTRACTING ACTIVITY

Subcontracting activity accounts for all formal-range construction projects that were closed out during the fiscal year and reported to the N.C. Historically Underutilized Businesses Office.

During fiscal year 2021-22, all city subcontracting activity totaled \$25.4 million. Subcontracting with M/WBE firms totaled \$3.64 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million over the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$1.79 million was spent with minority-owned businesses and \$1.85 million was spent with women-owned businesses.

Subcontracting activity with M/WBE businesses in fiscal 2021-22 equaled 14.31 percent of all city subcontracting—an increase of 1.28 percent from the previous fiscal year.



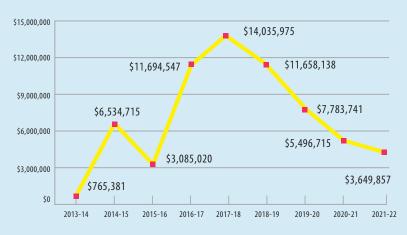
#### M/WBE Subcontracting Activity by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Spending	MBE	MBE %	WBE	WBE %	Total M/WBE	M/WBE %
2013-14	5,366,383	\$454,426	8.47%	\$310,955	5.79%	\$765,381	14.26%
2014-15	57,871,137	\$3,255,122	5.62%	\$3,279,593	5.67%	\$6,534,715	11.29%
2015-16	13,459,687	\$1,135,709	8.44%	\$1,949,311	14.48%	\$3,085,020	22.92%
2016-17	58,250,075	\$4,647,258	7.98%	\$7,047,289	12.10%	\$11,694,547	20.08%
2017-18	81,941,243	\$6,679,559	8.15%	\$7,356,416	8.98%	\$14,035,975	17.13%
2018-19	47,027,236	\$5,773,266	12.27%	\$5,884,872	12.52%	\$11,658,138	24.79%
2019-20	37,109,344	\$3,223,389	8.69%	\$4,560,352	12.29%	\$7,783,741	20.98%
2020-21	42,187,419	\$3,515,209	8.33%	\$1,981,396	4.70%	\$5,496,715	13.03%
2021-22	25,499,602	\$ 1,799,772	7.06%	\$1,850,085	7.26%	\$3,649,857	14.31%





#### M/WBE Subcontracting Activity by Fiscal Year

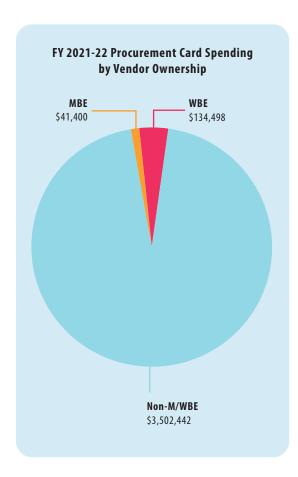


#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PROCUREMENT CARD ACTIVITY

Procurement card activity includes all purchases made by departments of \$5,000 or less and which do not go through the formal or informal bidding process.

During fiscal year 2021-22, all city procurement card activity totaled \$3.6 million. Procurement card spending with M/WBE firms totaled \$175,898, an increase of \$23,505 from the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$41,400 was spent with minority-owned businesses and \$134,498 was spent with women-owned businesses.

Procurement card spending with M/WBE businesses in fiscal 2021-22 equaled 4.78 percent of all city procurement card spending. This is down by .20 percent from the previous fiscal year.



#### M/WBE Procurement Card Spending by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Spending	MBE	MBE %	WBE	WBE %	Total M/WBE	M/WBE %
2013-14	\$5,581,099	\$86,251	1.55%	\$105,276	1.89%	\$191,527	3.43%
2014-15	\$4,522,880	\$51,833	1.15%	\$118,200	2.61%	\$170,033	3.76%
2015-16	\$3,585,339	\$56,941	1.59%	\$413,332	11.53%	\$470,273	13.12%
2016-17	\$3,701,125	\$46,744	1.26%	\$103,214	2.79%	\$149,958	4.05%
2017-18	\$3,493,234	\$46,613	1.33%	\$86,476	2.48%	\$133,089	3.81%
2018-19	\$3,570,401	\$65,437	1.83%	\$126,866	3.56%	\$192,303	5.39%
2019-20	\$3,472,806	\$63,127	1.82%	\$137,902	3.97%	\$201,029	5.79%
2020-21	\$3,062,360	\$39,112	1.28%	\$113,281	3.70%	\$152,393	4.98%
2021-22	\$3,678,340	\$41,400	1.13%	\$134,498	3.66%	\$175,898	4.78%





#### M/WBE Procurement Card Spending by Fiscal Year

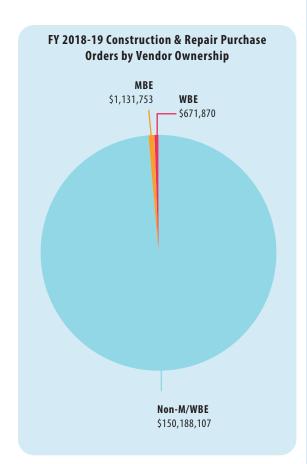


#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR PURCHASE ORDERS

Construction and repair purchase orders include all active city spending during the fiscal year on formal and informal projects.

During fiscal year 2021-22, all city construction and repair purchase orders totaled \$151.9 million. Construction and repair purchase orders with M/WBE firms totaled \$1.8 million, a decrease of \$1.4 million over the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$1.1 million was spent with minority-owned businesses and \$671,000 was spent with womenowned businesses.

Purchase orders for construction and repairs placed with M/WBE businesses in fiscal 2021-22 equaled 1.19 percent of all city construction and repair purchase orders—a decrease of 4.13 percent from the previous fiscal year.



#### M/WBE Construction & Repair Purchase Orders by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Spending	MBE	MBE %	WBE	WBE %	Total M/WBE	M/WBE %
2013-14	\$22,979,007	\$1,156,153	5.03%	\$4,169,771	18.15%	\$5,325,924	23.18%
2014-15	\$116,068,138	\$1,298,878	1.12%	\$505,337	0.44%	\$1,804,215	1.55%
2015-16	\$108,962,855	\$4,044,907	3.71%	\$5,275,145	4.84%	\$9,320,052	8.55%
2016-17	\$70,485,700	\$1,754,096	2.49%	\$1,973,875	2.80%	\$3,727,971	5.29%
2017-18	\$48,236,766	\$764,087	1.58%	\$5,655,247	11.72%	\$6,419,334	13.31%
2018-19	\$58,576,843	\$279,895	.47%	\$1,619,911	2.77%	\$1,899,806	3.24%
2019-20	\$52,712,020	\$886,148	1.68%	\$818,316	1.55%	\$1,704,463	3.23%
2020-21	\$60,509,254	\$1,989,371	3.28%	\$1,226,472	2.03%	\$3,215,844	5.31%
2021-22	\$151,991,731	\$1,131,753	0.74%	\$671,870	0.44%	\$1,803,623	1.19%





#### M/WBE Construction & Repair Purchase Orders by Fiscal Year

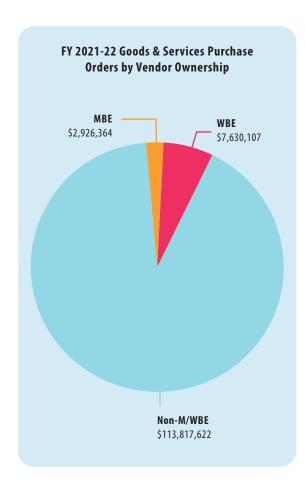


#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GOODS & SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders for goods and services includes all city spending during the fiscal year for such items as bulk supplies and consulting services that exceed \$5,000 in value.

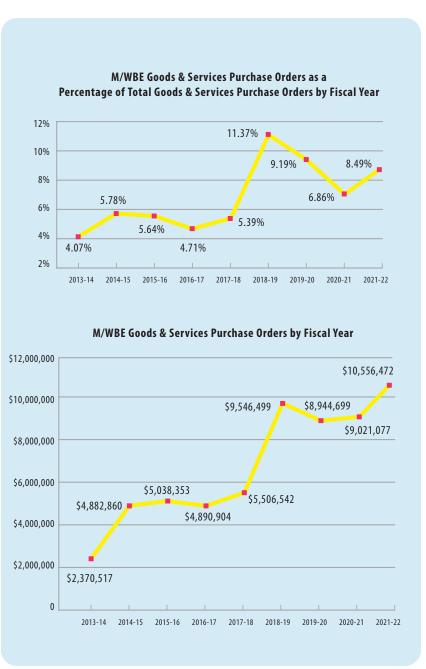
During fiscal year 2021-22, all city purchase orders for goods and services totaled \$124 million. Purchase orders for goods and services placed with M/WBE firms totaled \$10.5 million, an increase of \$1.5 million over the previous fiscal year. Of this amount, \$2.9 million was spent with minority-owned businesses and \$7.6 million was spent with women-owned businesses.

Purchase orders for goods and services placed with M/WBE businesses in fiscal 2021-22 equaled 8.49 percent of all city procurement card spending. An increase of 1.63 percent from the previous fiscal year.



#### M/WBE Goods & Services Purchase Orders by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Spending	MBE	MBE %	WBE	WBE %	Total M/WBE	M/WBE %
2013-14	\$58,262,141	\$648,275	1.11%	\$1,722,242	2.96%	\$2,370,517	4.07%
2014-15	\$84,458,365	\$2,370,085	2.81%	\$2,512,775	2.98%	\$4,882,860	5.78%
2015-16	\$89,360,802	\$1,089,179	1.22%	\$3,949,174	4.42%	\$5,038,353	5.64%
2016-17	\$103,896,785	\$1,448,526	1.39%	\$3,442,378	3.31%	\$4,890,904	4.71%
2017-18	\$102,109,384	\$5,442,731	5.33%	\$63,811	0.06%	\$5,506,542	5.39%
2018-19	\$83,988,110	\$5,189,750	6.18%	\$4,356,749	5.19%	\$9,546,499	11.37%
2019-20	\$97,306,083	\$3,798,412	3.9%	\$5,146,287	5.29%	\$8,944,699	9.19%
2020-21	\$131,482,398	\$3,813,676	2.9%	\$5,207,401	3.96%	\$9,021,077	6.86%
2021-22	\$124,374,093	\$2,926,364	2.35%	\$7,630,107	6.13%	\$10,556,472	8.49%



#### **FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 SITE VISITS**

The Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement M/WBE Division conducts periodic work-site inspections to ensure that general contractors are fulfilling their stated M/WBE participation targets. Site visits are conducted for all formal range contracts, both with the city and with the City/County Utility Commission.

During fiscal year 2021-22, the office conducted a total of 23 site visits.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 NEW M/WBE VENDORS IN CITY DATABASE

The Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement M/WBE Division maintains a database of M/WBE vendors as a resource for city departments and divisions and for the public. The database allows the city to be proactive in soliciting bids from M/WBE businesses for upcoming projects.

During fiscal year 2021-22, 121 M/WBE vendors were added to the database.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 M/WBE FIRMS ASSISTED

The Office of Business Inclusion & Advancement M/WBE Division works to build close relationships with local minority and women-owned businesses by providing technical assistance related to the State of NC Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) certification, conflict resolution support, bidding assistance, vendor listing assistance, and small business development referrals.

During fiscal year 2021-22, the M/WBE division provided technical assistance to 244 M/WBE vendors.

M/WBE Firms Assisted								
Month	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22				
July	9	10	16	46				
August	17	12	17	11				
September	14	10	12	14				
October	15	16	12	12				
November	11	7	15	16				
December	10	17	10	19				
January	23	26	16	22				
February	27	53	22	17				
March	25	23	17	11				
April	6	17	15	15				
May	15	13	13	29				
June	16	15	15	32				
Total	188	219	180	244				

# M/WBE Construction Site Visits FY 2021-22 Quarter Visits 1st Quarter 5 2nd Quarter 12 3rd Quarter 3 4th Quarter 3 Total 23

NEW M/WBE VENDORS IN CITY DATABASE FY 2021-22				
Month	Number			
July	10			
August	16			
September	13			
October	14			
November	7			
December	3			
January	8			
February	15			
March	17			
April	9			
May	4			
June	5			
Total	121			



