

CONTRACT MONITORING DIVISION OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Local Business Enterprise Advisory Committee (LBEAC) May 24, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Introduction

Chair Galarza called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Matthew Ajiake, Miguel Galarza, Bruce Giron, Dwayne Jones, Greg Lyman, Queena Lu, Wayne Perry, Stephanie Tang, Todd Senigar.

Committee Members Absent: Juliana Choy-Sommer, Darolyn Davis, Elahe Enssani, Sailaja Kurella.

CMD Staff Present: Romulus Asenloo, Regina Chan, Jason Chow, Daniel Guarente, Mindy Lee, Vivian Liu, Ivan Oldenkamp, Linda Rainaldi, Kate Svyatets, Nichole Truax, La'uton Wells.

Other City Personnel: Kyndra Cox, SFPUC; Rachel Cukierman, City Administrators Office; Ivy Fine, SFPUC; Janice Levy, Controllers Office; Jeff Pomrenke, Controllers Office; Jae Shin.

- 2. Review and Discussion of Highlights from the Revised Rules and Regulations
 - a. Chair Galarza provided an update on the pilot programs and background regarding changes to the new Legislation.
 - b. Rachel Cukierman provided an update on how the Chapter 14B changes are progressing at the City Administrator's Office.
 - c. Romulus Asenloo presented on the following Chapter 14B changes:
 - i. Phase 1, which became effective December 13, 2021, resulted in an increase to LBE certification thresholds.
 - ii. Phase 2 which becomes effective July 1, 2022, includes increasing the Threshold and Minimum Competitive Amounts, increasing Chapter 14B penalties for non-compliance, extending the bonding assistance program, allowing LBEs to exchange services for workspace as opposed to monetary rent, pilot programs, and new types of LBE requirements.
 - d. Comments from the Committee:
 - i. A Committee member asked if departments already have projects in mind for the neighborhood preference pilot program.
 - 1. Evaluation criteria is not yet decided, once it is then projects will be chosen.
 - ii. Another member asked at what phase of contract development will the Micro-LBE trucking pilot program requirements be set for DB/CMGC projects.
 - The DB/CMGC will sign a commitment letter to meet the LBE Micro-Set Aside Trucking Requirement during pre-award, but specific requirement will most likely be set after award.

- iii. Another member asked if LBE requirements and prime engagement for DB/CMGC contracts could begin before bids are in, so primes engage LBEs earlier in the planning stage.
 - 1. For large projects such as DB/CMGC, a presentation could be given to primes so that they understand the LBE requirements before bidding and so CMD could work with primes to increase LBE participation during the pre-award and planning stages.
- iv. Another member asked why JOC and As-Needed contracts are not eligible for the neighborhood LBE pilot program.
 - 1. They are excluded because they don't have a specific location at time of award.
- v. Another member asked if sharing an office counts as sharing equipment and what the justification is for allowing LBEs to provide services in lieu of cash for rent.
 - 1. Shared equipment refers to equipment required to complete scope of work, primarily intended for construction scopes. Shared offices are not intended to be prohibited under this rule.
 - 2. Exchanging services in lieu of rent is intended as a short-term fallback method to prevent LBEs from going out of business.
- vi. A committee member said the African American Chamber is trying to provide workspaces and contractor development to African American firms. Can such firms be considered LBEs using these resources?
 - 1. Certification staff will evaluate this scenario.

3. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.