

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: FOSTERING INCLUSION IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

On November 6, 2012, the citizens of Miami-Dade County voted in favor of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond (GOB) Initiative to fund the improvement and replacement of our public schools. Approximately seventy percent (70%) of the Miami-Dade County residents voted in GOB initiative to support the \$1.2 billion in funding for the renovation of facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding student capacity, and enhancing facility safety.

From the inception of this GOB, this Board and this administration has declared its commitment to increase the participation of small and micro business, minority, and women-owned businesses (SBE/MBE M/WBE) in District contracting opportunities, and particularly as it relates to opportunities generated as part of the GOB. This item seeks to increase community awareness of the programs the District has in place to assist SBE/MBE and M/WBE businesses and increase their participation in the GOB and other contracting opportunities, as well as to expand the outreach and types of assistance provided. Accordingly, it is requested that the District determine the feasibility and legality of additional programs that may increase participation, which may include, but are not limited to, Mentor-Protégé Programs, the use of teaming agreements whereby a prime contractor and subcontractor agree to combine resources to bid on a government project, and exploring ways of facilitating the ability of these firms to become pre-qualified and attain the required bonding capacity.

This item further requests that the Superintendent provide a report to the Board delineating the progress made as it relates to increasing participation by small, minority, and women-owned businesses as part of the GOB Program within the past 5 years, including a detailed report on the proceeds received by SBE/MBE and M/WBE firms as a result of District inclusion efforts.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to:

- a. Explore the feasibility and legality of implementing additional programs that may foster increased participation by SBE/MBE and M/WBE in M-DCPS business opportunities;
- b. provide a report to the Board delineating the progress made as it relates to increasing participation by SBE/MBE and M/WBE businesses as part of the GOB Program within the past 5 years, including a detailed report on the proceeds received by SBE/MBE and M/WBE firms as a result of District inclusion efforts; and
- c. report on the aforementioned items to the Board by the April 25, 2018 Board Meeting.