

## Appendix C

### Participation Opportunities for New York State Certified Minorities and Women-Owned Businesses

Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law, as amended, authorized the creation of a division of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Development to promote employment and business opportunities on state contracts for minorities and women. Under this statute, State agencies are charged with establishing business participation goals for minorities and women.

The Department of State administers a Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) Program as mandated by Article 15-A. The Department recognizes the need to take affirmative steps to promote the employment of minority group members and women and to ensure that Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE's) are given opportunity to participate in the performance of its procurement program. Contractors are encouraged to make every good faith effort to promote and assist the participation of MWBE's as subcontractors and suppliers on this contract for the provisions of services and materials. Contracts will be awarded with consideration to the demonstration of efforts by prime Proposer(s) to consider opportunities for participation by MWBEs. Accordingly, the Department expects the cooperation of all vendors in carrying out this policy.

Questions regarding this program should be directed to the Department's Minority and Women-owned Business Program by calling (518) 474-6740. Potential contractors can access the [NYS Directory of Certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises](#) on-line through the Empire State Development website at: <http://www.esd.ny.gov/MWBE.html>.