



Minority Business Enterprise Program

The Maryland Judiciary's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program identifies certified minority-owned businesses as potential vendors in order to help promote economic and social vitality in our communities and help the Judiciary accomplish its purchasing objectives.

The MBE Program is designed to provide new or expanded opportunities for minority-owned businesses to sell their goods and services to departments throughout the Judiciary. The Judiciary continues to collaborate with external networks to grow and enhance its MBE Program and will:

- Partner with minority-focused business groups to recruit perspective businesses.
- Emphasize the importance of soliciting certified minority businesses for subcontracting opportunities and stress the importance of this at pre-bid conferences and during the bid documents process.
- Identify special subcontracting opportunities and solicit subcontract bids from minority businesses.
- Hold meetings with potential subcontractors and vendors and invite MBE suppliers to encourage involvement at the supply levels.
- Assess the program's effectiveness by monitoring MBE participation and reviewing the "good faith efforts" of subcontractors invited to bid on projects.
- Utilize different media formats to inform potential minority businesses of bids being sought and advertise bid opportunities via minority-focused media.

- Network to cultivate new business relationships with various other industries and associations and share ideas on how to improve participation.
- Post project bid and solicitation information, along with links to minority business resources.

Types of Contracts

- Construction and renovation services
- Consulting and professional services
- IT services
- Janitorial services
- Moving services
- Office supplies
- Printing and graphics services
- Promotional services
- Security
- Transportation

Prime Contractors

The Judiciary strongly encourages certified MBEs to become prime contractors. Prime contractors are businesses that contract directly with the Judiciary. They are responsible for all project activities, including those of subcontractors. Prime contractors must meet the goal established in the contract by seeking out and subcontracting with certified MBEs, and must submit monthly reports to the Judiciary's Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

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