Maryland’s Minority Business Enterprise Program (MBE)

MBE participation is a strong focal point of the Maryland Department of Commerce. The Department thoroughly examines each contract to ensure the optimum utilization of the MBE Program.

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) administers the State of Maryland MBE Program. However, MBE goals for each individual contract are determined at the agency level on a contract by contract basis. To learn more about the certification program visit www.mdot.state.md.us.

Maryland Department of Commerce Grants Management Program

The Maryland Department of Commerce administers several types of grant programs that serve all types of businesses. Support is provided to local governments to enhance economic growth and promote small business. Grant programs include: Training Grants, Economic Development Grants, County Cooperative Grants, Small Business Development Grants, and International Export MD Grants.

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Advantage Agency, the system called Maryland's eMarketplace (eMMA) is committed to the procurement system called the Maryland Department of采购. Vendors who wish to do business with the State of Maryland can register at eMaryland Marketplace (eMMA) for free. Once solicitations are uploaded by the agency, the system notifies vendors who are registered for the particular product or service needed. In order to receive an award from the State of Maryland, the vendor must be registered. Register today by visiting www.emma.maryland.gov.

Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program

Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program supports the growth and success of small businesses in the State of Maryland. On October 1, 2004, the State of Maryland implemented the Small Business Reserve Program, which directs participating agencies/departments to spend a portion of their procurement expenditures with qualified small businesses. Under state procurement law, the SBR Program ensures that small businesses receive a fair share of contracting opportunities.

Types of Procurements

There are five primary procurement approaches, which are as follows:
1. Small Procurements ($5,000 and under): Procurements for small quantities of goods or services that are straightforward and can be processed by written specification; competitively solicited and awarded on a competitive basis.
2. Medium Procurements ($5,001 - $50,000): Procurements for small to medium quantities of goods or services that are straightforward and can be processed by written specification; competitively solicited and awarded on a competitive basis.
3. Large Procurements ($50,001 and over): Procurements for large quantities of goods or services that are competitive, competitively solicited and awarded on a competitive basis.
4. Large Procurements ($50,001 - $500,000): Procurements for large quantities of goods or services that are competitive, competitively solicited and awarded on a competitive basis.
5. Unsolicited Proposals: Procurements for goods or services that are competitively solicited and awarded on a competitive basis.

Who to Contact?

For any questions or concerns regarding the Maryland Department of Commerce's procurement activities, please contact us at procurement@maryland.gov or 410-777-3240.