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MnDOT ADA Small Business Opportunity Pilot

Developing Capacity | Increasing Access | Building Community

Purpose

Grow the pool of TGBs, DBEs, Vets and other small businesses capable of performing ADA inspection and construction in accordance with MnDOT specs.

- Small businesses gain greater opportunities in the market place to make infrastructure accessible to all Minnesotans.
- Small businesses gain the benefits from acting as a prime.
- MnDOT earns community trust by using its contracting power to reduce economic disparities.

Results through 10/03/19

- 1. 21 construction and 16 inspection contracts awarded in Metro since June 2018.
 - Total value construction contracts = \$841,752; average value \$40,083.
 - Total value inspection contracts = \$405,000.
- All construction contracts were awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Targeted Group Businesses (TGB) or other businesses owned by women and/or persons of color even though MnDOT cannot restrict competition and must take the lowest quote.
 - 6 African American owned businesses won 16 construction contracts.
 - 1 White woman owned business won 4.
- 3. Inspection contracts were awarded to 4 TGBs/DBEs, including 3 minority-owned; two have met MnDOT's Pregualification Program requirements for inspectors.
- 4. Seeing is believing: contractors requesting quote packages increased from 30 in June 2018 to more than 160 today; this year, twice as many small businesses enrolled in ADA-related trainings compared to last year.
- 5. The Pilot represented about 5% of MnDOT's FY19 ADA improvements.

Approach

- 1. Train small businesses in the basics of ADA specifications.
- Identify walkways and ped ramps that require basic ADA refurbishment.
- 3. Contract the work using quick and simple contracting methods so businesses can demonstrate and develop their capacity.
- 4. Provide intensive support and feedback to contractors throughout.
- **5.** Right-size contracts to reflect capacity of small businesses and to avoid attracting larger, more capable contractors.

Key Findings and Recommendations from First Season

- 1. The approach demonstrates an effective method of training ADA inspectors and construction contractors.
- 2. Waiving bond requirements opens the door for more small businesses.
- 3. 90% of surveyed businesses said they would quote on future ADA Pilot contracts.
- 4. 24% of small businesses surveyed said they did not have sufficient funds to bid on projects.
- 5. 24% of surveyed small businesses said they did not quote because they "already had too much work."
- 6. Dedicated staffing and funds are needed to sustain efforts and scale up.
- 7. To be more competitive, contractors need to be able to perform more complex ADA work, e.g. related to signals, utilities.
- 8. MnDOT's approach to developing small projects should be on a scale consistent with the value of small projects.
- 9. Broadcast and solicit quotes earlier in and throughout the season.

Comments from Small Businesses

"It's clear MnDOT is wanting to work with small businesses" MN Best

"Now I have the option to sub on different types of work" Pride Cleanup

"It was a good experience and I would like to continue to work on these projects" Create Construction

"Bring the program to Greater MN" MN Best

"Was good to be able to pay a livable wage" Pride Cleanup

"MnDOT staff go the extra mile to make sure we succeed" Iyawe & Associates

"The tight specifications were a challenge, but I grew to understand the necessity of each" PES



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List of Construction Contracts, June 1, 2018 – October 15, 2019 (blue = construction completed)

City	Location	Contractor	Owner Demographics	Value	
St. Paul	Beverly Rd & St. Anthony Ave.	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	В	\$22,895	
St. Paul	St. Anthony Ave. & N. Kent St.	Perkins & Perkins	В	\$32,775	
St. Paul	Concordia Ave, Lex. to Oxford	Create Construction	WW	\$27,126	
MPLS	SE 11th Ave. & Talmage Ave. SE	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	В	\$58,250	
MTKA	TH7, Highland Frontage Rd.	Booker Construction	В	\$26,900	
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MPLS	32nd Ave. S. & 41st St.	Create Construction	WW	\$55,515	
MPLS	Buchanan St. & Winer St. NE	Perkins & Perkins	В	\$27,000	
MPLS.	E. Hennepin Ave. & SE 12th Ave.	Booker Construction	В	\$26,900	
St. Paul	Oxford St. & St. Anthony	Perkins & Perkins	В	\$38,520	
MPLS	Minnehaha Ave. & Cedar	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	В	\$53,490	
St. Paul	St. Anthony Ave., Fry St. to Snelling	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	В	\$85,579	
MPLS	Cedar Ave. & Minnehaha	Booker Construction	В	\$73,805	
MPLS	Cedar Ave. S. & I94	Booker Construction	В	\$74,493	
MPLS	32 nd Ave. S & 42 nd St. E.	Create Construction	WW	\$42,000	
MPLS	36 th Ave. S & 46 th St. E.	Create Construction	WW	\$30,908	
MPLS	Talmage Ave. Drainage Improvement	Booker Construction	В	\$9,200	
Champlin	TH169 & Hayden Lake Rd.	Songhai Construction	В	\$23,825	
Champlin	TH169 & 120 th Ave N.	Holliday Construction	В	\$31,211	
Champlin	TH169 & 117 th Ave N.	Perkins & Perkins	В	\$26,420	
Champlin	TH169 & Elm Creek Parkway	Iyawe & Associates	В	\$38,280	
	Total				

B = African American, H = Hispanic or Latinx, I = American Indian, W = Woman, WW = White Woman

List of Professional/Technical Consultant Contractors

Total Safety Guys, African American TGB & DBE, 4 outreach contracts	\$100,000
MN Best, Asian woman TGB & DBE, 5 inspection contracts	\$140,000
Professional Engineering Services (PES), white woman TGB & DBE, 5 inspection contracts	\$115,000
IMO Consulting Group, Latino TGB & DBE, 4 inspection contracts	\$100,000
Midwest Select Contracting, African American woman TGB & DBE, 2 inspection contracts	\$50,000
Isthmus Engineering Inc., white woman TGB & DBE, 1 design contract	\$100,000
	\$605,000

List of Businesses who Quoted 1 or more Construction Contracts, June 1, 2018 – October 3, 2019

Business Name	Business Address	Demo- graphics	Certification	Number of Quotes	Number Awarded
Booker Construction	336 WATER ST W, SAINT PAUL, MN 55109	В	DBE	13	6
Concrete Idea, Inc.	13961 44TH LN NE, ST MICHAEL, MN 55376	N/A	None	3	0
JD Pride, Pride Clean Up	77 7TH AVENUE NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413	В	TGB, DBE	12	4
IYAWE & Associates	2500 NEW BRIGHTON BLVD. MPLS, MN 55418	В	TGB	2	1
Perkins & Perkins Const.	3223 NORTH 45TH STREET, OMAHA, NE 68104	В	DBE	12	4
Create Construction	18517 100TH AVE N, MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311	WW	TGB	7	4
Extreem Forestry, LLC	404 12TH ST. NW, ISANTI, MN 55040	I	TGB, DBE	2	0
Quad E Companies	23130 WOODLAND RIDGE DR., LAKEVILLE, MN 55044	WW	TGB, DBE	3	0
MN Concrete Specialties	6520 EDENVALE BLVD, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55346	N/A	None	1	0
Chael Remodeling	2523 UPTON AVE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411	Н	TGB, DBE	1	0
Holliday Construction	3708 26TH AVE S; MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55406	В	None	2	1
Songhai Construction	601 CARLSON PARKWAY, MINNETONKA, MN 55305	В	TGB, DBE	1	1

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