

**Information Item:**  
**Federal Fiscal Year 2021 EPA Report  
Summary for Environmental Services**

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# DBE Utilization

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - Federal Funds
  - Construction, Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Professional Technical Contracts
  - Annual goal set every three years (2021 – 2023 =11%)
  - Project specific goals assigned by Small Business Unit staff
  - Report utilization to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (via Public Facilities Authority (PFA)) annually in October

# 2021 DBE Utilization

- The Metropolitan Council achieved **10.58%** utilization this reporting period
  - **3.44% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)**
  - **7.14% Women Business Enterprise (WBE)**
- Total Disbursement:  $\$5,970,352.16 / \$56,424,858.01 = 10.58\%$

	Construction	Supplies	Services	Total	Utilization
<b>MBE</b>	\$828,012.66	\$529,499.49	\$585,345.02	\$1,942,857.17	3.44%
<b>WBE</b>	\$2,303,510.10	\$726,770.08	\$997,214.81	\$4,027,494.99	7.14%

# DBE Payments Breakdown

	Women	Minority	Total Dollars	# of Women Firms	# of Minority Firms	Total # of Sub-Contracts	% of DBE Total
<b>Black</b>		\$283,992.22	\$283,992.22		5	5	4.76
<b>Hispanic</b>	\$150,629.35	\$251,704.10	\$402,333.45	1	5	13	6.74
<b>Native American</b>		\$348,670.56	\$348,670.56		3	7	5.84
<b>Asian-Pacific</b>		\$682,391.62	\$682,391.62		2	13	11.43
<b>Subcontinental Asian</b>		\$225,469.32	\$225,469.32		2	6	3.78
<b>Caucasian</b>	\$4,027,494.99		\$4,027,494.99	42		81	67.46
<b>Total</b>	\$4,178,124.34	\$1,792,227.82	\$5,970,352.16	43	18	125	100%

# Total # of DBEs by Ethnicity and Location

	Metro District	Greater MN	Interstate	Total	Payments made to DBEs in FY 2021
Black American	248	12	110	370 (31%)	\$283,992.22 (4.76%)
Native American	18	14	13	45 (3.8%)	\$348,670.56 (5.84%)
Hispanic American	57	13	41	111 (9%)	\$402,333.45 (6.74%)
Non-Minority (White)	290	106	143	539 (45%)	\$4,027,494.99 (67.46%)
Asian Americans	70	10	40	120 (10%)	\$907,860.94 (15.21%)
Others	2	1	2	5 (0.4%)	\$0
	685	156	349	1190	\$5,970,352.16

# Highlights from 2021 Report

- Spend with Black American DBEs was over five times higher in 2021 than in 2020
  - 2020 spend was roughly \$50K
  - 2021 spend was nearly \$285K
- Of the nearly \$285K, \$205K was from two firms that had not previously worked on PFA funded Council Projects (Songhai Construction and USAFrik)
  - USAFrik is in a Mentor Protégé agreement with Rice Lake Construction

# Highlights from 2021 Report Continued

- Spend with Minority DBE suppliers was over three times higher in 2021 than in 2020
  - 2020 spend was roughly \$155K
  - 2021 spend was roughly \$530K
- Nearly \$60K of supply spend was with a Black American DBE firm (B & L Supply)
  - B & L Supply had no DBE supply spend on the 2019 and 2020 EPA report

# Process Improvement

- Targeted Outreach
- Meet and Greet
- Mentor Protégé
- Contract Initiation Memo (CIM) and Goal Setting
- New Engagement and Development Unit
- New Data Team
- Advancing Equity Grant



# Questions

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