



ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION (ECMCC) OFFICE MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWBE) COMPLIANCE

Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law was signed on July, 19, 1988. Under this statute, State Agencies are charged with establishing employment and business participation goals for minorities and women. These laws were enacted to promote equality of economic opportunity for minority group members and women and to eradicate barriers that have unreasonably impeded access by M/WBEs to State contracting activities.

As we know, a diverse business community strengthens the economy and is beneficial to the residents and businesses of our city. The implementation of the Office of Minority & Women Business Compliance (OMBC) at ECMC will actively ensure minority business enterprises have a fair share to participate in business opportunities & procurement in construction, goods and professional services at ECMC.

The MWBE Mission

Erie County Medical Center pledges through their M/WBE Program to:

- *Maximize the opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises and Women's Business Enterprises (M/WBE) to participate in all areas contracting, including contracts for construction, design, goods and services,
- *Provide minorities and women equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of the hospitals employment, contracting and purchasing programs,
- *Prohibit discrimination against a person or business in pursuit of these opportunities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin,
- *To provide greater information, service, and responsiveness to M/WBE's,
- *To increase communication between all Departments of the hospital and M/WBE's.

Our policies and practices are not intended in any manner to require contracts be awarded to anyone other than the lowest responsive responsible bidder and are not to supersede the requirement of any federal or state law or rules, regulations and policies adopted pursuant thereto.

M/WBE Program

The M/WBE program is designed to assist minority- and women-owned business enterprises in providing goods and services to the hospital. In addition, the program provides workshops and seminars for minority- and women-owned businesses, and assistance with the resolution of problems and complaints relating to the M/WBE process. You do not have to be a certified minority company to do business with the Erie County Medical Center but the certification will improve your chances to participate on various contracts and provide you as the Contractor and ECMC the opportunity to report your utilization to NYS. If you wish to join our email list and receive information on events and bid opportunities, please click on "Doing Business with ECMC" link on our website www.ecmc.edu.

M/WBE Business Certification

The State of New York, through its **Division of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (DMWBD)**, is the certifying agency for the state. For MWBE Firms who wish to certify their business the process is online and use of this link <https://ny.newnycontracts.com/> will help them through the certification process or they can enroll in the ECMC 6 week MWBE Certification Seminar.

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