

SBE Program Objectives

- Race and Gender Neutral
- Legally Enforceable
- Local Benefit
- Cost Effective
- Project-by-Project goals
- Stringent Good Faith Effort Requirements





SBE Eligibility Standards

- Location
- At least one year in business
- Size
- Ownership





SBE Eligibility Standards

- Business Locations
 - Cuyahoga
 - Lake
 - Lorain
 - Summit





SBE Eligibility Standards

• The District's Size Standards - Caps

(sample, in millions)

Heavy Construction: \$33.5 M
Trucking: \$25 M
Engineering Services: \$10 M
Architectural Services: \$4 M
Landscape Services: \$3.5 M
Steel: \$14 M
Electrical: \$33.5 M

*Based on a three average www.neorsd.org/sbe





SBE Eligibility Standards

- Ownership and Control
 - Firm must be in business for at least one year
 - Firm must demonstrate day-to-day control
 - Managerial Control Ability to make independent and unilateral business decision
 - Operational Control Some experience in the industry





Applications

- Vendor Registration
 - https://www.neorsd.org/vendor_registration.php
- SBE Application
 - http://www.neorsd.org/sbe





SBE Certification Process

- Certification valid for two years
- Initial certification application
 - All firms must apply at least seven business days prior to the opening of the bid to be considered
- Re-certification application
 - Every two years





SBE Goals

- Project-by-Project goals
- Determined by examining the project from start to finish (30%,60%,90%)
- Availability
 - In order to receive credit towards the SBE goal prime contractor's must select a certified SBE from the NEORSD SBE registry





Certified SBE Bidding as a Prime Contractor

 SBE must utilize additional certified SBEs to meet the SBE project goal





Requirements of Prime Contractors

- Must complete all required forms
- Must list all certified subs at time of bid
- Prime and subs must sign, date subcontractor participation forms
- Prime must report any subcontractor changes
- Prime must show good faith effort





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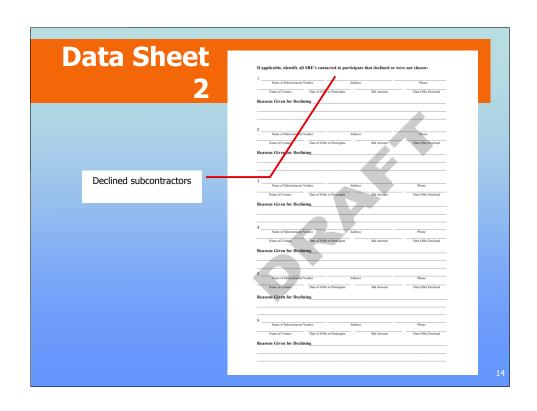
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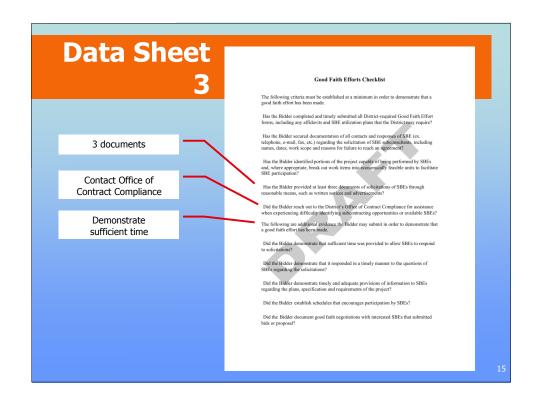
Good Faith Efforts

- Complete all required GFE forms
- **Document** all contacts, responses of SBEs
- Demonstrate that sufficient time was provided to allow SBEs to respond to solicitations
- Submit **three** documents of solicitations of SBEs
- Contact Office of Contract Compliance (OCC) for assistance when experiencing difficulty identifying available SBEs









SBE Monitoring

- Office of Contract Compliance
 - Analyze data from project manager
 - Conduct random home-office visits
 - Monitor payments





Sanctions

- Prime contractor sanctions
 - Suspension 2 years
 - Withholding payments
 - Cancellation of contracts
 - Permanent debarment for repeat offenders
- Subcontractor debarment (1 year)
 - May re-apply after 1 year





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Search Parameters WWW.NEORSD.ORG/SBE

- Business Name/DBA Contact
- **Person** First: Last:
- City
- Zip Code/Post Code
- Phone Area
- Code Commodity Code
- Business Description
- www.neorsd.org/sbe





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