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## **RFI TO EXPAND BIDDING, MWBES IN FLEET PROCUREMENT** *KEITH T. KERMAN*

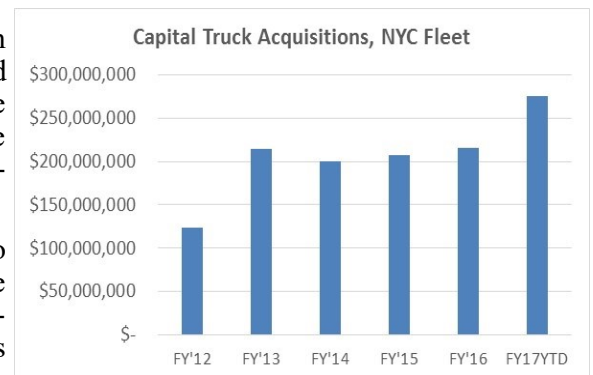
NYC procures over \$300 million annually in fleet purchases with over \$200 million on average dedicated to trucks and specialized equipment. In FY17, the City has already spent over \$275 million for trucks and specialized equipment.

In December 2015, DCAS issued an RFI for ideas and engagement in our sustainable fleet procurements. To date, over 130 vendors have participated through proposals, meetings, and presentations. This enthusiastic involvement has greatly increased our understanding of the marketplace and already led to a number of innovative new contract procurements.

This week, DCAS has issued a new RFI aimed at truck and specialized equipment procurement. DCAS would like to engage the same type of expanded participation in our truck contracts including looking at options to increase the participation of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBES).

The RFI seeks to engage trucking and equipment firms who could have an interest in future truck procurements including specialized, off-road, and emergency equipment. Through the RFI process, DCAS would also like to better understand any possible barriers to participation whether they be geographic, specifications, parts or servicing requirements, or other issues.

City trucks, specialized, emergency and off-road equipment is critical to daily public services in the City. We would like to ensure that we have the maximum and most diverse participation possible among those seeking to supply these fleet units. We look forward to learning more as this effort proceeds. The RFI is posted on our website.



## **SPOTLIGHT: EMILISA ROBLES, DSNY, FIRST OF A KIND** *AMARA MONDESIR*

Emilisa Robles of DSNY has made history this year, yet again. This spring she was promoted to Supervisor of Mechanical Equipment (SOME), the first woman to ever hold this automotive title in New York City. Emilisa was also the first female Auto Mechanic to work for the City when she began her DSNY career in 2006.

Emilisa supervises repair garage operations for five Brooklyn districts: BK8, BK10, BK12, BK13, and BK14, keeping track of each district's vehicles and ensuring that repairs are made in a timely manner. She also travels to and photographs the collision scenes involving DSNY vehicles in order to help complete investigations and affirmative claims.

Emilisa knew that she wanted to work on collection trucks as a young girl the moment she saw one driving past her. During her search for a DSNY job she persistently traveled from Queens to Manhattan and back again, knocking on doors until she reached the right person, ultimately applying for and taking the appropriate civil service exam. Today Emilisa works at the Cioffe Shop in Brooklyn. Before joining DSNY, Emilisa also worked as a mechanic in California and Colorado. She served 10 years as a tech at DSNY fixing collection trucks, sweepers, and FELs.



When she isn't working, Emilisa volunteers to help rescue animals and assist with animal transport at Doobert, an organization which connects volunteers with animal care. Emilisa also has an artistic streak reflected by paintings and her current work on a graphic novel. Congratulations to a trendsetter in NYC Fleet and beyond! We are looking forward to seeing other women follow in Emilisa's footsteps.