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The New York City Department of Correction

DOC 2ND ANNUAL MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS VENDOR EVENT
200 Local Minority & Women-owned Businesses in Attendance

East Elmhurst, NY — The [New York City Department of Correction's](#) Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) unit hosted its second annual M/WBE vendor event to connect over 200 local minority and women-owned businesses with DOC, New York City agencies, supportive assistance providers, and elected officials that support M/WBE efforts. Attendees had the opportunity to network and learn more about the M/WBE certification program.

Guest speakers included [DOC First Deputy Commissioner Angel Villalona](#), Senior Advisor & Director with the Mayors Office of M/WBEs Jonnel Doris, Small Business Services Deputy Commissioner Kimberly Hardy and NYC Council Member Chair for the Committee on Small Business Mark Gjonaj. Twenty-seven New York City agencies (see list below), the Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC) and the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBor) met with attendees to assist businesses with contracting opportunities. DOC's Assistant Commissioner of Contracts and Procurement/Agency Chief Contracting Officer Ava B. Rice lead the event and hosted the speakers.

“DOC is committed to helping the M/WBE community with access to new business opportunities,” said First Deputy Commissioner Villalona.

The City's [M/WBE Certification Program](#) connects certified businesses with opportunities to sell their products and services to New York City agencies. The program promotes fairness and equity in City procurement processes and works to strengthen the ability of certified M/WBEs to grow and contribute to the city's economy.



Event Speakers; photo courtesy of DOC DCPI

DOC is committed to meeting Mayor Bill de Blasio's goal of awarding at least 30 percent of the value of City contracts to M/WBEs by 2021. Annually, DOC's Central Office of Procurement purchases approximately \$40 million in goods, services, construction and construction related materials to operate and maintain the facilities under its management.

And the DOC encourages a successful, competitive and diverse business environment with small businesses, with special emphasis on historically underserved groups.

DOC promotes M/WBE firms via Pre-Bid Conferences, Post Award Debriefings, M/WBE vendor events, and workshops to address its diverse portfolio. The Department has 21 registered prime contracts (multi-year contracts) valued at \$57 million. There are 16 M/WBE vendors that are being utilized. And these prime contracts have an overall value of roughly \$3.4 million. From July 1, 2017 (start of NYC fiscal year) to date, DOC has awarded roughly \$1.4 million in small purchase contracts over \$20,000 and roughly \$270,000 in micro-small purchase contracts (less than \$20,000) to M/WBEs.



Event Attendees; photo courtesy of DOC DCPI

About the New York City Department of Correction

[The New York City Department of Correction \(DOC\)](#) provides for the care, custody, and control of persons accused of crimes or convicted and sentenced to one year or less of jail time. The Department manages 12 inmate facilities, nine of which are located on Rikers Island. In addition, the Department operates two hospital Prison Wards (Bellevue and Elmhurst hospitals) and court holding facilities in each borough. During Fiscal Year 2017, the Department handled over 58,000 admissions and managed an average daily inmate population of approximately 9,500 individuals. Our dedicated workforce of both uniformed and non-uniformed staff members represent the city's BOLDEST.

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New York City agencies in attendance: Department of Small Business Services (SBS), Department of Education (DOE), Department of Veteran Services (DVS), Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), Fire Department of New York (FDNY), New York Police Department (NYPD), Mayors Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ), Department of Probation (DOP), Department of Investigation (DOI), New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM), Department of Design & Construction (DDC), Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Finance (DOF), Administration for Children's Services (ACS), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Office of Administrative Trials & Hearings (OATH), New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY), Department for The Aging (DFTA), Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD), Department of Parks & Recreation (PARKS), Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications (DOITT), New York City Human Resources Administration / Department of Social Services (HRA / DSS), Department of Homeless Services (DHS), Department of Buildings (DOB), and the New York City School of Construction Authority (NYSCA.)