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The MSD Board adopted the **MBE/WBE and SBE Programs** as part of MSD's efforts to support small and diverse businesses. The Programs are designed to improve access to contracting opportunities for MBE/WBEs and small local businesses in MSD service areas. The purpose of the program is to develop, promote and foster inclusiveness and economic development, as well as ongoing evaluation to assure all businesses are provided an equal opportunity to compete for MSD contracts. MSD recently modified the Programs to expand opportunities for MBE/WBE/SBEs. The enhancements are as follows:

PLEASE NOTE: - *MSD Contractors, Consultants and Service Vendors are strongly encouraged to visit each Program website, prior to submitting a bid or proposal. In doing so, you should obtain and review the most recent Program policies, in its entirety, to include the forms and documents and download the most recent version, **effective July 1, 2023**.*

MBE/WBE Program – www.louisvillemad.org/supplierdiversity

SBE Program – www.louisvillemad.org/smallbusiness

MBE/WBE Program enhancements include:

- 1) Professional Services - the aspirational participation goals remain 15.0% MBE and 6.0% WBE on projects with an engineer's estimate or contract value at \$100,000 and greater.
 - a. The original value was \$50,000 and greater.
- 2) Construction Services - projects with an engineer's estimate of \$200,000 and greater will require the 35% subcontracting goal.
 - a. The original estimate was \$150,000 and greater.
- 3) MSD is now accepting MBE/WBE certifications from the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet (Finance Cabinet) – Minority and Women Business Enterprise Certification Program. The Finance Cabinet's certification process aligns with the recommendations of the Disparity Study (desk review and site visit).

SBE Program enhancements include:

- 1) Expanded the Program to include MSD service areas which currently includes Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham Counties.
- 2) Increased the annual gross revenue/receipts not exceeding an average of \$10 million (\$10,000,000.00) over a three-year period.
- 3) Increased the contract value of projects that can be allocated to the SBE Program from \$40,000 to \$199,999.99.
- 4) Expanded the types of projects allocated to the SBE Program to include all business units (construction, professional services and goods and services).

Thank you.

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