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**RE: MSD Program Transition**

Dear Valued Business Partner,

The Louisville and Jefferson Metropolitan Sewer District (“MSD”) is writing to inform you that the MSD Board has approved changes to MSD’s business inclusion program. MSD is now transitioning to a race-and gender-neutral small business program.

This transition reflects MSD’s ongoing commitment to maintaining procurement practices that align with current legal requirements while continuing to expand access to contracting opportunities for small businesses. The updated program is designed to support broad participation and provide a clear, compliant framework for business inclusion moving forward.

For more than 40 years, MSD has maintained a firm and ongoing commitment to expanding opportunity and encouraging participation by small and historically underutilized businesses. While the structure of the program is changing, MSD’s commitment to inclusion, access, and meaningful participation in procurement opportunities remains unchanged.

MSD values its longstanding partnerships with MBE/WBE firms, small businesses, contractors, consultants, and the business community at large. We remain committed to maintaining a transparent transition process and to continued engagement as the revised program is implemented.

To support implementation of the updated program, MSD will be conducting informational sessions for stakeholders. These sessions will provide an overview of the approved changes, explain what the transition means for vendors, contractors, and consultants, and offer an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about next steps. Additional details regarding session dates and registration will be shared soon.

For all existing prime contracts and subcontracts awarded under the legacy MBE/WBE Program, including construction and professional services agreements, contractors and subcontractors are expected to continue complying with the MBE/WBE participation commitments established in the applicable contract through completion of the work. MSD will continue to monitor those contracts for compliance and reporting in accordance with the applicable contract requirements.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. MSD looks forward to working with you as we implement these changes and continue advancing fair, open, and competitive access to procurement opportunities.

Questions regarding this transition may be directed to Rene’ Lindsay, Chief Procurement Officer, via email at [rene.lindsay@louisvillemsd.org](mailto:rene.lindsay@louisvillemsd.org) or by phone at (502) 540-6364.

Sincerely,

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