

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, March 21, 2022
2:30 p.m.**

Location: **Board of Supervisors' Chamber – Room 512 – 5th Floor**

County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor David Haubert**

Staff: Melissa Wilk, Auditor-Controller
Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency
Kimberly Gasaway, Interim Director, General Services
Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator

Summary Action Minutes

**I. Public Works Agency Construction, Workforce and Outreach Quarterly Report
[Attachment](#)**

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented the Public Works Agency Construction, Workforce and Outreach Quarterly report.

This report is for the Second Quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2022. Currently, the Agency administers two (2) participation programs: the Construction Compliance Program (M/WBE) and the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE).

The Construction Compliance Program (CCP) applies to construction projects of \$100,000 or greater. The CCP program goals adhere to the Alameda County Minority/Woman-owned Enterprises (M/WBEs) Program. Therefore, all projects falling under this program have a goal of 15% MBE and 5% WBE participation and must be accompanied by good faith efforts. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program applies to all Federally funded projects and DBE goals are calculated and applied on a project-by-project basis.

The PWA worked with the contractors and developed a COVID-19 Public Works Project Safety Protocol. These field guidelines are developed in response to the need to work on public works construction projects as safely as possible, and to comply with various COVID-19 health orders mandated by Alameda County and the state of California. They were intended as supplements to Appendices B-1 and B-2 of the Alameda County Public Health Officer Order and to allow for certain work on public works projects to continue as provision of essential services. None of the contracts awarded to date in FY 2022 have been impacted by COVID-19.

Speakers

Clarence Hunt, lack of African American workforce participation on these contracts, compared to Latino workforce population are historically low.

Mario Wagner, part of the issue of low African American participation is how the contracts are awarded.

Stanley Cooper, contractor, stated that it is frustrating trying to get a contract with Alameda County, the prime contractors do not participate in good faith efforts. The County should offer more incentives to prime contractors so they will bring on a subcontractor.

Bendu Griffin-Washington, what can we do to increase the African American participation on these contracts.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. General Services Agency Contracting and Outreach Quarterly Report [Attachment](#)

Detra Dillon, Procurement Administrator, General Services Agency, presented the General Services Agency Contracting Outreach Quarterly Report.

This report covers the period of October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

Goods and Services Contracts (inclusive of Professional services)

The General Services Agency conducted 13 formal bid processes that resulted in 13 contracts totaling \$14,138,432. Contracts by SLEB/Local/Non Local:

- SLEBs: 3 contracts totaling \$831,848
- Local (non-certified): 1 contract totaling \$5,000,000
- Non-local: 9 contracts totaling \$8,306,584

Architecture and Engineering Contracts

There was one (1) awarded contract for this reporting period, in the amount of \$287,606. The Santa Rita Jail Network Infrastructure Upgrade, Phase II (Design Services), award date, 10/26/2021, YEI Engineers, local vendor.

Construction Contracts

There was one (1) awarded contract for this reporting period, in the amount of \$31,951 for Eden Township Substation Video System, award date, 10/12/2021, Intelligent Video Solutions, local vendor.

Speakers

Bendu Griffin-Washington stated that the County gives a lot of SLEB waivers to contractors. The City of Oakland recently announced they will not give anymore SLEB waivers. The County should limit SLEB waivers.

Stanley Cooper commented on the SLEB waivers, good faith efforts and how the County can further explain those processes.

Mario Wagner commented that the County uses the same contractors over and it is favoritism and other contractors are left out. The County should discontinue SLEB waivers.

Clarence Hunt asked about the California Forensic Medical Group contract; the number of African Americans on staff working on the contract, and the possibility of unbundling this and other larger contracts.

Bernida Regan of Merriwether Williams state that her office continues to help contractors grow their bonding capacity and assist in getting contacts. She encouraged the unbundling of contracts to allow projects accessible to contractors.

III. Informational Report on Disparity Study

[Attachment](#)

Eleanor Mason Ramsey, Ph.D., President & CEO, Mason Tillman Associates, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the disparity study.

Dr. Ramsey reported on the scope of the study, including: 1) utilization analysis; 2) availability analysis and 3) anecdotal analysis.

Some of the challenges in the delay of the Disparity Study report including information that has not been received regarding Measure A1 and information on subcontractors.

Recommendation from the Procurement & Contracting Policy Committee: The Committee will convene a Special Meeting of the Procurement & Contracting Committee to receive an update on the Disparity Study as it pertains to Measure A1, in addition to the SLEB waivers.

IV. Update on Small, Local & Emerging Business (SLEB) Reimagination Efforts – *continued to May 16, 2022*

[Attachment](#)

V. Healthy Homes Lead Abatement Progress Quarterly Report

[Attachment](#)

Larry Brooks, Director, Healthy Homes Department, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation the Healthy Homes Lead Abatement Progress Quarterly Report.

The County of Alameda, along with the City of Oakland received funding from the Manufacturers of Lead-Based Paint, and the County intends to use a portion of the funds to invest in training more contractors and day laborers to better protect themselves and residents of the properties where they work.

Notification of training and contract opportunities will be by the following:

- E-mail subscribers (24k +)
- Social Media, Radio
- Local newspaper ads (i.e., Oakland Post)
- GSA Contract Opportunities
- ACHHD Website
- Community Engagement & Outreach
- Community presentations
- Community partnerships

Several informal informational meetings have been held with groups interested in the funds regarding workforce training.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eddie Dillard expressed his appreciation for Supervisor Miley's efforts.

Mario Wagner thanked Supervisors Miley and Haubert and staff for their efforts in trying to figure out the problem.

Bendu Griffin-Washington stated that she hopes the Supervisors take some of the suggestions by the contractors into consideration.

Stanley Cooper announced that the speakers today are on a labor committee and work with the City of Oakland, CalTrans and other agencies to help get contracts to minority contractors.