

# **PRIME CONTRACTORS'** **GOOD FAITH EFFORTS/WAIVER CHECKLIST**

## **Prime Contractors who put Good Faith into action will:**

- ✓ Use direct solicitation, minority/women community organizations, contractors' groups, and local, state minority/women-owned business assistance offices to reach MBE's;
- ✓ Identify and assist firms that may need bonding, lines of credits, insurance, equipment, and other related issues; or assist firms that are not certified but could possibly serve on a contract and satisfy MBE goals by becoming certified;
- ✓ Identify clear sub-contractible work that will enable MBE's to compete;
- ✓ Provide the MBEs with proper information regarding the job; to include plans, specifications, and anticipated time schedule for portions of the work to be performed;
- ✓ Coordinate pre-bid meetings to inform MBEs of contracting and subcontracting opportunities;
- ✓ Advertise in general circulation, trade associations, and minority focused media concerning the subcontracting opportunities;
- ✓ Provide written notice to all certified MBEs who are certified in the work areas and have capabilities of the contract for which their participation is solicited (Contractor must allow a minimum of 10 days for the MBEs to respond to the written solicitation.); and
- ✓ Follow up on initial solicitations of interest by contacting MBEs to determine if the MBEs are interested (Contractor must detail the efforts showing names, addresses, dates, and telephone numbers of the certified MBEs contacted along with a description of information provided.)

## **Prime Contractors who have done the above and are submitting a waiver will:**

- ✓ Document everything listed above;
- ✓ Provide a written request for a waiver;
- ✓ Provide detailed statements of efforts to achieve the goal; to include the name, address and telephone number of all MBEs contacted, as well as the date of contact;
- ✓ Provide a list of unavailable MBEs, including a Minority Contractor Unavailability Certification Form (MJUD MBE FORM E) signed by an owner or officer of each unavailable MBE (If the MBE refused to sign MJUD MBE FORM E, the contractor will should submit a statement regarding this refusal.);
- ✓ If the contractor deems a MBE to be unqualified and rejects the MBE, the contractor will provide written explanation of this decision (Contractor's reasoning must be based on a thorough investigation of MBE capabilities.);
- ✓ Provide evidence that the contractor tried to negotiate in good faith with interested MBEs; and
- ✓ Demonstrate that certified MBE participation was unable to be obtained at a reasonable price or that public interest is best served by a waiver.