

Commonly Used Telephone Numbers

Minority Business Development Office

(813) 274-5522

Purchasing Department

(813) 274-8351

Tampa Bay Black Investment Corp.

(813) 274-7925

Tampa Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO)

(813) 274-7969

Business License

(813) 274-8751

Permitting Bureau

(813) 259-1729

Construction Services Inspections

(813) 259-1761

Community Redevelopment Agency

(813) 274-5835

For Construction Project Information

Department of Public Works

274-8598 or 274-8012

Department of Sanitary Sewers

274-8891 or 274-8006

Water Department

274-8677

** Remember: You must be certified with the Women/Minority Business Enterprise Office before you can participate in the WMBE Program.

306 E. Jackson St. 7th Fl East
Tampa, Florida 33602

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WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW TO
BECOME A
WMBE.



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What is the Women/Minority Business Enterprise (WMBE) Program?

The WMBE Program was established in 1991 to provide women and minority businesses equal contract opportunities in construction, professional services, and goods and non-professional services. On a continuous basis the WMBE Office conducts outreach efforts to identify and register women and minority businesses interested in supplying goods and services to the City.

The City of Tampa's WMBE Executive Order 98-2.



JTV hard at work.

By executive order the City of Tampa's WMBE Program states that minority and women owned businesses shall have maximum feasible opportunity to participate in the performance of City Contracts. The established participation goals are: 25.0% participation for construction con-

	Construction Services	Professional Services	Goods & Non Professional Services
Black	10.0%	3.0%	1.5%
Hispanic	9.0%	7.0%	1.0%
Women	6.0%	4.0%	1.5%
Overall	25.0%	14.0%	4.0%
*Other	1.0%	0.0%	0.0

* Only when Federal Funding is included in the project.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE SERVICES?

The Program's emphasis is towards women, black, and hispanic businesses. A bonafide women or minority business is one which is owned and controlled by at least fifty-one percent (51%) women or minority group members. Women or minority members are Caucasian women of European decent, blacks, Hispanics, and other minorities for federally funded projects only.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE WMBE PROGRAM?

The first step is to fill out an application form for certification. This form is available on the City of Tampa's website at tampagov.net, or it can be mailed to you, or can be picked up at the WMBE Office at 102 E. 7th Ave. We are located in the basement.

WHAT IS THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT'S PROCUREMENT POLICY?



WMBE's perform all types of work. This is E/S Concrete.

The policy of the City's Purchasing Department is that procurement practices are non-discriminatory and to promote equality of opportunity. The

WMBE Program Office monitors all departments regard-

ing the percentage of participation for women, black, and hispanic.

HOW ARE PURCHASES MADE?



Building businesses is what the WMBE program is about.

Firms interested in doing business with the City of Tampa are encouraged to complete a vendor application form. Blank forms can be obtained either from the WMBE Office or the Purchasing Department located on the second floor of the City Hall Annex, 306 E. Jackson St. downtown Tampa, (813) 274-8351.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CITY OF TAMPA?

The City has a fundamental responsibility to provide opportunities for certified women and minority businesses. This allows them to effectively participate in the bidding process for all City procurement. When this responsibility is met, women and minority businesses contribute to the "Economic Development" of the community.

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