

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 180782

Directing the City Manager to create a Local Business Enterprise Program to assist those firms who qualify for the MBE/WBE Program but have exceeded the size standards and personal net worth limits to be considered a small business by providing business development support; and to convene a committee to make recommendations for the implementation of the program.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that socially and economically disadvantaged firms continue to experience disparate treatment based on race and/or sex after graduating from the City's MBE/WBE program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to remediate this disparate treatment by ensuring that those local firms that have previously met the criteria for certification as a Minority or Woman Owned Business, but have exceeded the SBA size standards and personal net worth standards, continue to have non-discriminatory access to city-funded and/or incentivized contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure that local firms have the ability to compete in the local market for city-funded or incentivized contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that a Local Business Enterprise Program for assisting socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs and local contractors gain access to opportunities within the local economy; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to create a Local Business Enterprise Program within 60 days which shall assist local firms and business who have graduated from the City's MBE/WBE program by providing business development and support. The focus of the program shall provide business development support including increased participation on certain City and Agency contracts by implementing a goal program separate and distinct from the MBE/WBE goals; Procurement assistance; Scale-up Training; and increased surety bonding; and other management and technical assistance.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to appoint a committee to make recommendations for the implementation of the Local Business Enterprise Program inclusive of, but not limited to, the following members:

- (1) One member and one alternate recommended by the Builder's Association; and
- (2) One member and one alternate recommended by the Heavy Constructors' Association; and
- (3) One member and one alternate recommended by the Minority Contractors' Association of Kansas City; and

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- (4) One member and one alternate recommended by the Kansas City Hispanic Association of Kansas City; and
- (5) One member and one alternate recommended by the Hispanic Contractors Association of Greater Kansas City; and
- (6) One member and one alternate recommended by the National Association of Women in Construction; and
- (7) One member and one alternate recommended by the Women Construction Owners and Executives; and
- (8) One member and one alternate recommended by Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City; and
- (9) Two members and two alternates recommended by Human Relations Department.
- (10) One at-large member recommended by the City Manager or his designee.



Authenticated as Passed

  
Sly James, Mayor

  
Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed