

EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS PROVISIONS & REPORT

- A. **Emerging Small Business Definition.** For purposes of this section, ESB is defined as:
1. Independent business concern that has been in business minimum of one year;
 2. Business located in the State of Wisconsin;
 3. Business comprised of less than twenty-five (25) employees;
 4. Business must not have gross sales in excess of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) over past three years; and,
 5. Business does not have history of failing to complete projects.
- B. **Emerging Small Business (ESB) Involvement.** Bidder shall make good faith effort to award minimum of ten percent (10%) of the work to ESBs. Bidder shall submit report to Dane County Contract Compliance Specialist within ten (10) business days of Bid Due Date demonstrating such efforts. Good faith efforts means significant contact with ESBs for purposes of soliciting bids from them. Failure to make or demonstrate good faith efforts will be grounds for disqualification.
- C. **Emerging Small Business Report.** Bidder shall submit the ESB report demonstrating good faith efforts to Dane County Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion within ten (10) business days of Bid Due Date. The Emerging Small Business Enterprise Report should be sent to the Contract Compliance Specialist via email at oei@countyofdane.com or mailed to Dane County Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion, City-County Building, Room 356, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Madison, WI 53703. Bidders who fail to submit the Emerging Small Business Report shall be deemed unresponsive
- D. **ESB Goal.** Goal of this project is ten percent (10%) ESB participation. ESB utilizations are shown as percentage of total Bid. If Bidder meets or exceeds specified goal, Bidder is only required to submit Form A - Certification, and Form B - Involvement. Goal shall be met if Bidder qualifies as ESB.
- E. **Report Contents.** Following award of Contract, Bidder shall submit copies of executed contracts for all Emerging Small Businesses. Emerging Small Business Report shall consist of these:
1. Form A - Certification;
 2. Form B - Involvement;
 3. Form C - Contacts;
 4. Form D - Certification Statement (if appropriate); and
 5. Supportive documentation (i.e., copies of correspondence, telephone logs, copies of advertisements).
- F. **ESB Listing.** Bidders may solicit bids from Dane County Targeted Business Directory by going to this website. <https://equity.countyofdane.com/TBE>
- G. **Listing.** Bidders may also solicit bids from State of Wisconsin DOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Unified Certification Program (DBE / UCP) Directory by going to this website. <https://wisconsin.gov/Documents/doing-bus/civil-rights/dbe/dbe-ucp-directory.xlsx>
- H. **ESB Certification.** All contractors, subcontractors and suppliers seeking ESB certification must complete and submit Emerging Small Business Report to Dane County Contract Compliance Program.

- I. **Certification Statement.** If ESB firm has not been certified by County as ESB prior to submittal of this Bid, ESB Report cannot be used to fulfill ESB goal for this project unless firm provides “Form D - Certification Statement”. Certification statement must be completed and signed by ESB firm.
- J. **Questions.** Questions concerning Emerging Small Business provisions shall be directed to:

OEI@countyofdane.com

or

Dane County Contract Compliance Specialist

City-County Building, Room 356
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703
(608)283-1391

- K. **Substituting ESBs.** In event of any significant changes in subcontract arrangements or if need arises to substitute ESBs, Bidder shall report such proposed changes to Contract Compliance Specialist to making any official changes and request authorization to substitute ESB firm. Bidder further agrees to make every possible effort to replace ESB firm with another qualified ESB firm.
- L. **Good Faith Efforts.** Good faith efforts can be demonstrated by meeting all of these obligations:
1. Selecting portions of the Work to be performed by ESBs in order to increase likelihood of meeting ESB goal including, where appropriate, breaking down Contract into smaller units to facilitate ESB participation.
 2. Advertising in general circulation, trade associations and women / minority focus media concerning subcontracting opportunities.
 3. Providing written notices to reasonable number of specific ESBs that their interest in Contract was being solicited in sufficient time to allow ESBs to participate effectively.
 4. Following up on initial solicitations of interest by contacting ESBs within five (5) business days prior to Bid Due Date to determine with certainty whether ESB were interested, to allow ESBs to prepare bids.
 5. Providing interested ESB with adequate information about Drawings, Specifications and requirements of Contract.
 6. Using services of available minority, women and small business organizations and other organizations that provide assistance in recruitment of MBEs / WBEs / ESBs.
 7. Negotiating in good faith with interested ESBs, not rejecting ESBs as unqualified without sound reason based on thorough investigation of their capabilities.
 8. Submitting required project reports and accompanying documents to County’s Contract Compliance Specialist within twenty-four (24) hours after Bid Due Date.
- M. **Appeals Disqualification of Bid.** Bidder who is disqualified may appeal to Public Works & Transportation Committee and Equal Opportunity Commission.

FORM A

**DANE COUNTY
EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS REPORT - CERTIFICATION**

In accordance with General Conditions of Contract, submit this Emerging Small Business Report within ten (10) days after Bid Due Date.

PROJECT NAME: _____

BID NO.: _____ BID DUE DATE: _____

BIDDER INFORMATION

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FORM B

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(Copy this Form as necessary to provide complete information)

EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS REPORT - INVOLVEMENT

COMPANY NAME: _____

PROJECT NAME: _____

BID NO.: _____ BID DUE DATE: _____

ESB NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO & EMAIL.: _____

Indicate percentage of financial commitment to this ESB: ___ % Amount: _____

ESB NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO & EMAIL.: _____

Indicate percentage of financial commitment to this ESB: ___ % Amount: _____

FORM C

**DANE COUNTY
EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS REPORT - CONTACTS**

(Copy this Form or include spreadsheet of ESB contacts. Please email supportive documentation to OEI@countyofdane.com)

COMPANY NAME: _____

PROJECT NAME: _____

BID NO.: _____ BID DUE DATE: _____

	<u>ESB FIRM NAME CONTACTED</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON CONTACTED</u>	<u>DID ESB BID?</u>	<u>ACCEPT BID?</u>	<u>REASON FOR REJECTION</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>YES/NO</u>	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

FORM D

**DANE COUNTY
EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS REPORT - CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I, _____, _____ of
Name Title

_____ certify to best of my knowledge and
Company

belief that this business meets Emerging Small Business definition as indicated in Article 9 and
that information contained in this Emerging Small Business Report is true and correct.

Bidder's Signature

Date

Submit Form