

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND SECTION 3 BUSINESSES

It is the policy of Lehigh County that certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE) and Section 3 Businesses shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in Community Development Block Grant projects. MWBEs are defined as a small business concern which is at least 51% percent owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or in the case of any publically owned business, at least 50% of the stock is owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include women, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. These enterprises or business concerns can be contractors, suppliers, or professional service providers.

Specific goals have been established for the utilization of MWBEs for all applicable CDBG funded construction projects. The established goals are MBE – 5%, WBE 3%, and Section 3 – 10%. These goals will remain in effect throughout the life of the project. In the event participation goals are not met evidence must be provided demonstrating that a good faith effort was undertaken to identify and negotiate participation by these certified enterprises or business concerns.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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