

MWBE OPPORTUNITIES

View vast New York State and New York City opportunities for MWBEs.

NEW YORK STATE

The New York State Contract Reporter (NYSCR)

NYSCR is New York's official website of state procurement activity. All state agencies, authorities, and public benefit corporations must advertise bid opportunities valued at \$50,000 or more viewable here:
<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/adsOpen.cfm>
There are, on average, over 100 open ads posted in the past 7 days, viewable here:
<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/adsOpen.cfm>

Dormitory State Authority of New York (DASNY)

DASNY is New York State's public finance and construction authority, and currently has over a dozen active procurement opportunities. View DASNY Opportunities here:
<https://www.dasny.org/opportunities/rfps-bids>

New York Office of Government Services (OGS)

OGS Procurement Services is the state's centralized procurement office, managing nearly 1,500 contracts for commodities, services, and technology. View all available opportunities here:
<https://ogs.ny.gov/procurement>

Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn was awarded by NYC Mayor Eric Adams at his second-annual M/WBE Awards ceremony, for her groundbreaking MWBE work. (Pictured, left to right: former Rep. Inez Dickens, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn, Mayor Adams, and NYC Chief Business Diversity Officer, Michael J. Garner.)

NEW YORK CITY

The City Record Online

The City Record Online (CROL) is now a fully searchable database of notices published in the City Record newspaper which includes solicitations and awards and official rules proposed and adopted by city agencies. Sign up here:
<https://a856-cityrecord.nyc.gov/Visitor/SignUp>

NYC Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MCOS)

The MCOS's Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PASSPort) makes it easy to complete procurement tasks and compete for City contracts. Create an account here to view all opportunities:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/passport/about-passport.page>

Doing Business with New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

To participate in NYCHA's procurement opportunities and download bid documents, M/WBEs can register with NYCHA's free online procurement portal here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nycha/business/isupplier-vendor-registration.page>

Annual M/WBE Procurement Plans

An annual plan detailing the anticipated contracting actions for the upcoming fiscal year for each city agency, from New York City Mayor's Office of Contract Services
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/resources/m-wbe-III.page>



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MWBE

Spring 2025 Update

Minority-And Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Provided by Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

A Message from

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn • AD 42
Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Dear friends, neighbors, and the community,

Spring is a season of positive renewal—and that optimistic outlook certainly applies to our **Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs)** in New York State and City.

NYC recently **broke records for a second consecutive year** for its **Program's M/WBE spending** and **support**. And there is plenty on the horizon: as the **2025 NYS Legislative Session** continues until June, I am steadfastly introducing and advancing legislation to empower MWBE success.

My legislative colleagues and I invite you to **join us in Albany** for our hallmark **MWBE Day of Advocacy**, on **Thursday, May 21, 2025**. This year's theme and focus is: "Beyond the Disparity: Article 15-A, Advancing MWBE Opportunities."

Join us as we hear your vital insights and **advocate in unity to expand and improve our State's MWBE program**. (Read more below under "Events".)

As we reflect on positive progress made, the **2024 MWBE Disparity Study** shows how our work to break barriers can't and won't stop. I'm pleased to present the **Spring 2025 Edition of my MWBE Newsletter** to help, by increasing access to resources and business opportunities for the MWBE community.

Should you have any questions about MWBEs or need assistance, **please contact my office** at 718-940-0428 or ad42@nyassembly.gov. You can also visit my website: nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte-Hermelyn.

Sincerely,

Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn
Member of NYS Assembly
Assembly District 42



MWBE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Highlights of Introduced Legislation to Enhance MWBE Success and Expand the Program (As of April 2025)

As the **Chair of the MWBE Subcommittee, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn** has been instrumental in the passage of laws she sponsored to help MWBEs thrive and succeed. Read on for highlights of bills introduced by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn for the 2025 Session, along with notable legislation from her colleagues.

Bill numbers and additional MWBE-related legislation can be searched on the NYS Assembly bill lookup page for more information: <https://nyassembly.gov/leg/>

Indicates bills sponsored in both the Assembly and Senate

***A3518 Bichotte Hermelyn/S4155 Sanders:** Requiring contracting agencies to contact minority and women-owned business enterprises when such enterprise is listed on a utilization plan and when a contract is awarded.

A7235 Bichotte Hermelyn: An act to amend the executive law, the state finance law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing expanded construction mentorship opportunities for small and minority and women-owned business enterprises.

***A5491 Bichotte Hermelyn/S2284 Webb:** Providing for prompt payment by contractors receiving public funds of amounts owed to small businesses and minority-owned business enterprises.

A7116 Bichotte Hermelyn: An act to amend the state finance law, in relation to reports on agency minority and women-owned business development contracts and spending.

***A7054 Bichotte Hermelyn/S631 Sanders:** Authorizing the Empire State Development Corporation to retain one or more independent MWBE consultant firms to conduct an independent review of procurement procedures utilized by state agencies.

A7087 Bichotte Hermelyn: Requiring that certain contracts let by the Office of General Services be reserved for small businesses, including minority-owned business enterprises and women-owned business enterprises.

A7106 Bichotte Hermelyn/S4298 Parker: To require minority and women-owned business enterprise participation goal requirement in order to receive exemption of new multiple dwellings from local taxation.

A7108 Bichotte Hermelyn: An act to amend the state finance law, in relation to a minority and women-owned business enterprise participation goal requirement in order to receive grant or appropriation money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Spotlight: 2025 MWBE Advocacy Day

Hosted by: Senator James Sanders, Jr.; Assemblymember Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, Assemblymember Amanda Septimo, Assemblymember Clyde Vanel, Assemblymember Jenifer Rajkumar, Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright, and Assemblymember Carrie Woerner

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 10 am - 4 pm

The Well, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY

Attend our annual **MWBE Advocacy Day** in Albany as MWBE owners and stakeholders, Legislators, and City & State Agencies Champion our agenda to go **"Beyond the Disparity, Article 15 A: Advancing MWBE Opportunities."**

To register, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7GgE3wAqEz10TL8z-4niBkIAj6eckGYWCFYNKi3akt3p70A/viewform>



2025 NYC Small Business Month Expo

NYC SBS

Thursday, May 29 | 9 am - 4 pm

Center415, 415 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10016

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-nyc-small-business-month-expo-tickets-1312164081089>

VIRTUAL WEBINARS/EVENTS

M/WBE Certification and Recertification Webinars

NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

Offered Throughout the Spring/Summer

Upcoming Recertification Webinars: 04/17/2025; 05/07/2025; 06/04/2025

Upcoming Certification Webinars: 05/01/2025; 05/21/2025; 06/11/2025

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/certify-with-the-city-as-an-mwbe-lbe-or-ebe-193109>

#SmallBusinessWeek - AI Small Business Panel

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | 11:50 am - 12:45 pm

<https://www.sba.gov/event/70025>

Building Stronger Communities: Capital Solutions for Local Businesses

ESD

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | 11 am

https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/uC9k9JfzRK-SHEZ_ia6SYA#/registration

Live Q&A Sessions With the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB)

NYC DOB

Sessions held bi-weekly for each of the 5 boroughs, view the schedules online:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/buildings/dob/upcoming-events.page>

Central New York's Consolidated Funding Application Information Session

NYS Regional Economic Development Councils

Tuesday, May 29, 2025 | 10 am - 11 am

<https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/central-new-york/events/central-new-yorks-consolidated-funding-application-information-session-0>

MORE IN-PERSON EVENTS

Free 1:1 Small Business Advisory Sessions with PACE University Small Business Development Center

Hosted at Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's District Office, and other locations citywide

Last Thursday of each month,
by appointment only.

At Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn's District Office:
1312 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY

Other service locations are located across Brooklyn and Manhattan; times vary per location. Application and appointment are required.

To find your closest service location, and register, visit:
<https://www.pacesbdc.org/counseling-form>

Empire State Development (ESD)

SAVE THE DATE

New York City (Downstate Expo) Series: June 26, 2025 from 8am - 4pm

Syracuse (Upstate Expo) Series: July 23, 2025 from 8am-4pm



MWBE RESOURCES

STATE

Office of the State Comptroller

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/resources/minority-and-women-owned-business-enterprises-mwbcs>

This website provides information on the NYS MWBE Certification process, state contracting and purchasing opportunities for MWBEs.

New York State Procurement

nyspro.ogs.ny.gov

NYS' central procurement office provides information on establishing and managing goods and services.

Empire State Development - Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (DMWBD)

<https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe>

The Empire State Development web page on the DMWBD, containing useful information such as a guide to MWBE certification.

Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development

ogs.ny.gov/Core/SDVOBA.asp

New York State's Division of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) contains useful information on the SDVOB certification process and opportunities for SDVOBs.

New York State Contract System (NYSCS)

<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>

The NYSCS enables users to apply for NYS MWBE certification, search for NYS MWBE certified firms, and easily interact with State agencies and authorities.

New York State Contract Reporter

www.nyscr.ny.gov

NYS' official source of contracting opportunities.

Minority Commerce Weekly Online

<https://minoritycommerceweekly.com/>

A one-stop shop for MWBEs to search for a wide array of opportunities from several sources in one location.

Americas SBDC New York - an Accredited Technology Program

<https://americassbdc.org/>

The New York SBDC offers services to businesses that are interested in selling to local, state and federal government organizations. These services are provided at no charge to small businesses, including women-owned and minority-owned businesses throughout the state.

SBDC assistance includes identifying markets, providing group training, and offering access to a reference library of publications including the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

NYC/LOCAL

NYC M/WBE Certification

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/minority-and-women-owned-business-enterprise-certification-program-mwbe>

The City of New York Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Program expands opportunities for minority and women entrepreneurs to access government contracts and grow their businesses. When eligible businesses are certified with the City, they become more visible to prospective buyers, including City agencies and private contractors seeking to purchase goods and services.

NYC Department Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/business/mwbe-program.page>

This is dedicated to increasing Supplier Diversity by supporting the City's commitment to encourage a competitive and diverse New York City business environment.

NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/businesses/certify-with-the-city.page>

This website features more information on MWBE certification, success stories and other contracting opportunities.

NYC School of Construction Authority (SCA)

<http://www.nycsca.org/MWLBE/Overview>

This website provides information on certification, recertification, appeals, and opportunities to work with the School of Construction Authority.

NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/mwbe/mwbe.page>

The DDC's Office of Diversity and Industry Relations develops policies and procedures to support M/WBEs and foster fruitful relationships with industry partners.

Nassau County Long Island MWBE Program

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1735/MWBE-PROGRAM>

This website provides information on certification in Nassau County and additional resources for success in the marketplace.

Suffolk County Long Island MWBE Program

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/MinorityAffairs/MinorityandWomenOwnedBusinesses/CertifyBusiness.aspx>

This website provides information on certification in Suffolk County and additional resources for access to capital.

CUNY/CUCF

<http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/fpcm/cucf/procurement/>

Procurement Opportunities within the City University of New York (CUNY).

Westchester County

<https://westchestercatalyst.com/programs-incentives/minority-and-women-owned-business-program/>

Westchester's MWBE Program.

Erie County Equal Employment Opportunity

<http://www2.erie.gov/eoo/index.php?q=mbewbe-resources>

Erie County's MWBE Certification process in Erie County.

City of Albany

<https://www.albanyny.gov/332/Minority-Women-Owned-Business-Enterprise>

City of Albany's MWBE Participation Program.

City of Ithaca

<https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/procurement/suppliers/getting-certified/mwbe>

Cornell University's MWBE Program.

City of Rochester

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/mwbe/>

City of Rochester's MWBE Utilization Plan.

City of Syracuse

<https://www.syr.gov/Departments/DECSI/MWBE-and-SDVOB-Program>

City of Syracuse's MWBE Participation Program.