

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/>

There are, on average, over 100 open ads posted in the past 7 days, viewable here:

<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/>

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>

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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Update

MWBE

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 Members of our Community,

As winter settles in, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength, perseverance, and creativity of New York's Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs). This season of reflection and renewal reminds us that even in the coldest months, growth continues — and together, we remain committed to creating opportunity, equity, and lasting impact for entrepreneurs across our state.

Over the past months, we have continued to build on the progress made throughout the year by expanding access to capital, strengthening state contracting participation, and improving transparency and accountability within the MWBE program. These efforts are essential to ensuring that minority- and women-owned businesses not only survive, but thrive in an increasingly competitive economy.

Guided by the findings of the 2024 MWBE Disparity Study, our focus remains on turning research into action. From advancing equitable procurement policies to increasing outreach and technical assistance, we are committed to breaking down systemic barriers and delivering measurable results for our business community. We also remain proud of the momentum generated through MWBE Advocacy Day, which continues to unite stakeholders and elevate the voices of MWBEs across New York.

As we look ahead to the new year, I encourage all business owners to take advantage of available certification programs, procurement opportunities, financing resources, and professional development workshops. The Winter 2026 Edition of my MWBE Newsletter is designed to connect you with these tools and help position your business for continued success.

As always, 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 at nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte-Hermelyn.

Wishing you and your families a healthy, safe, and prosperous winter season.

Warm regards,

Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn
Member of NYS Assembly



MWBE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Highlights of Introduced Legislation to Enhance MWBE Success and Expand the Program (As of January 2026)

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 2026 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

A5011 Bichotte Hermelyn: Requiring that minority and women-owned businesses be informed of the reason that they were not awarded a state or municipal contract.

A7043 Bichotte Hermelyn/S6087 Parker: An act to amend the public authorizes law, in relation to prohibiting the New York state environmental facilities corporation from entering into contracts, leases or other agreements with entities that are not compliant with the requirements of article five-A of the general municipal law regarding participation by minority- and women-owned businesses.

A7121 Bichotte Hermelyn/ S6294 Sanders: Requiring the state comptroller to prepare and release an annual report grading each state

agency on its spending with minority and women -owned business

A7125 Bichotte Hermelyn / S8291 Sanders: Requiring that public contracts be divided by size into large, medium, small and micro contracts for the purpose of increasing opportunities for small businesses, including MWBEs, to participate in state contracts.

A7117 Bichotte Hermelyn / S6317 Sanders: Authorizing political subdivisions to award public contracts to participants of a MWBE program at a cost premium not to exceed ten percent of the lowest bid.

A7111 Bichotte Hermelyn / S2055 Webb: Authorizing the empire state development corporation to retain an independent MWBE consultant firm for the purpose of helping reduce contractor violations of the provisions of article 15-A of the executive law.

A7223 Bichotte Hermelyn / S2555 Comrie: Aiming to increase transparency in the disposal of property by public authorities by requiring explanatory statements to include the names of all beneficial owners of the entity to which the property is being transferred.

Signed into Law:

A7222 Bichotte Hermelyn: An act to amend the executive law, in relation to requirements of the annual report from the division of minority and women's business development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MWBE Advocacy Day

Empowered. Expanded and Enforced; Advocating for Full Enforcement of Article 15A

Hosted by: Senator James Sanders Jr. and Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 10AM - 4PM

Location: 3rd Floor Terrace, Legislative Office Building Albany, New York 198 State St, Albany NY, 12210

Press Conference Details: 12pm: Million Dollar Staircase Albany, New York

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>

For more information about this free event or any state or local issue, please contact the office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn ad42@nyassembly.gov (718) 940-0428 or (518) 455-5385

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/7urD5FbZMtswnDwy9> or scan QR code:

VIRTUAL WEBINARS/EVENTS

■ **M/WBE Certification Webinar:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | 10AM - 11:30AM <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mwbe-certification-webinar-02182026-tickets-1968846161870>

■ **M/WBE Goods & Services Mentors: Scale Up Sustainably** The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 12PM - 2PM To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mwbe-goods-services-mentors-scale-up-sustainably-tickets-1977300700623?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

■ **NYC SBS Bonding Svcs Webinar: Strategies To Increase Your Bonding Capacity Construction M/WBEs** this webinar will cover essential strategies to strengthen your financial position for surety bond qualification. Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 12PM - 1PM <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nyc-sbs-bonding-svcs-webinar-strategies-to-increase-your-bonding-capacity-tickets-1707877069289>

STATE

Office of the State Comptroller <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/state-vendors/resources/minority-and-women-owned-business-enterprises-mwbes>

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 <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans>
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).

MWBE RESOURCES

NYC/LOCAL

NYC M/WBE Certification <https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/minority-and-womenowned-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/eeo/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.