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During COVID-19 Pandemic, MTA Awards \$73.1 Million Representing 32% of Contracts to Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, Disadvantaged, and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses

MTA Awards 203 Contracts to More Than 26 MWBE Businesses Since the Start of the Pandemic

MTA Exceeds Annual Goal – Procuring 32% of its Cleaning and Disinfecting Services, Cleaning Materials, PPE, Professional Services Including Medical Staffing and Other Miscellaneous Goods from MWBE Businesses

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) today announced that to date it has awarded \$73.1 million in contracts to NYS and NYC Certified minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged, and service-disabled veteran-owned vendors and across the country to procure the necessary equipment, supplies and professional services needed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The MTA awarded a total of 203 contracts to more than 26 businesses since the start of the pandemic in March.

The MTA has purchased an overall total of \$230.1 million in COVID-19 related materials and services to distribute across New York City Transit, Metro-North Railroad, Long Island Rail Road, Bridges and Tunnels, MTA Bus Company, MTA Construction & Development and MTA Headquarters. A total of 32% of the MTA's overall purchases went to minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses – materials and services were distributed across agencies as needed.

“The MTA has been a national leader on MWBE contracting and we are grateful to partner with so many valuable businesses to acquire the critical supplies and services we need to keep customers and our heroic employees safe during the COVID-19 pandemic,” **said Patrick J. Foye, Chairman and CEO of the MTA.** “We are committed to working with a diverse group of businesses and providing equal access and opportunity in every contract we award.”

“This is an important milestone for the MTA and for all of the businesses we are able to work with,” **said Michael J. Garner, Chief Diversity Officer of the MTA.** “The awarded contracts represent an important opportunity for underrepresented New York State certified minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses to further prosper. It is the right thing to do. We exceeded our annual goal of awarding 30% of overall contracts to these businesses and look forward to what more we can do in the future during these challenging times.”

The MTA purchased more than \$57 million in cleaning and disinfecting services from these companies. Of the contracts awarded for these services, two were to minority-owned businesses, one to a woman-owned business and one to a service-disabled veteran-owned business.

The MTA also purchased more than \$11 million in personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies and other miscellaneous goods from these companies. The contracts to acquire the materials were awarded to seven minority-owned businesses, one service-disabled veteran-owned business and 14 women-owned businesses.

The personal protective equipment purchased from these companies includes more than 3.4 million disposable masks, 20,000 face shields and goggles, 712,000 pairs of gloves and 57,000 Tyvek suits.

The MTA is responsible for procuring information technology, professional services, real estate, and a broad range of commodities for all of its agencies. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MTA has leveraged existing contracts as well as soliciting new services. MTA's Office of Occupational Health Services (OHS) required the additional staffing of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and social workers. The MTA was able to successfully incorporate the use of New York State certified minority-owned and women-owned businesses to provide medical staffing.

Out of 97 New York State Agencies and Public Authorities, the MTA is ranked **number one** in dollars paid to NYS certified MWBEs. During NYS Fiscal Year, 2018 - 2019, the MTA was responsible for \$736 million in payments to NYS certified MWBEs. The MTA is the largest consumer of goods and services from certified MWBEs in the state of New York. The MTA's Department of Diversity and Civil Rights arranges the Agency's participation in various outreach events and forums to promote the availability of contracting opportunities with the MTA. It works with the community of providers to: ensure understanding of how to do business with the MTA, become aware of any upcoming requirements and provide guidance once they are awarded contracts to ensure successful performance.

For more information about opportunities to partner with the MTA click [here](#).