

**RFP #478 Fern Bacon Middle School Campus Revitalization
Exhibit H: DVBE Requirements**

Definitions:

“Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise” (DVBE) means a business concern that is certified as a DVBE by the Department of General Services, Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services (OSDS).

“Entity” means the Lease-Leaseback Entity that will construct the Project.

“Participation Goal” or “Goal” means a numerically expressed DVBE objective that the Entity is required to make efforts to achieve in accordance with Section 17076.11 of the Education Code.

“Good Faith Efforts” means that the Entity took all necessary and reasonable steps to achieve the DVBE Participation Goal which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, could reasonably be expected to obtain sufficient DVBE participation, even if they were not fully successful. Good Faith Efforts are further delineated below.

DVBE Certification:

In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this District has a Participation Goal for DVBEs of three percent (3%) per year. For any work performed by a DVBE subcontractor (including materials suppliers) to be counted toward meeting the DVBE Participation Goal, such business concern must possess current and valid certification as a DVBE through the OSDS. In addition, the work must conform to the most current regulations and requirements as published by the California Department of General Services (DGS) and/or OSDS.

A DVBE cannot self-certify. An OSDS certification letter or printout from the DGS certification website (<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>) verifying current DVBE status must be provided for each DVBE participating in the contract. The OSDS certification letter or website printout must be provided with the Proposal or during establishment of the Total Base Rent. The District will not give Entity DVBE credit for any DVBE for which Entity fails to provide the required status verification.

Good Faith Efforts

The Entity shall either commit to meeting the Participation Goal or demonstrate Good Faith Efforts to do so, as described below. All DVBEs for which the Entity is claiming credit (including the Entity itself if it is a DVBE) must be listed on the Subcontractor listing form and identified as DVBEs, even if the work to be performed is less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the bid amount, involves supply of materials, or is to be performed by a lower-tier subcontractor.

Although Good Faith Efforts have been eliminated from Public Contract Code sections 10115 *et seq.*, the District’s obligation is separately stated under Education Code section 17076.10, so the District may find Entity to have complied with the DVBE requirements if it establishes Good Faith Efforts. In order to establish Good Faith Efforts, Entity must demonstrate at least the following directly and/or through bidders for the subcontracts:

1. Select portions of the work for which to solicit DVBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the DVBE goals will be achieved. This may include breaking out contract work items into smaller units.
2. Search at least the OSDS DVBE database to identify DVBEs to solicit to perform the portions of work identified. Print the search results to include with the Good Faith Efforts documentation.
3. Advertise for DVBE participation in focus or trade publications reasonably expected to reach DVBEs in the region as early in the process as is practicable. Depending on the project and results, multiple advertisements may be appropriate. Generally, the first publication should

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occur no later than one week before bids are due, whichever is earlier. Submit a copy of the advertisement(s) with the Good Faith Efforts documentation.

4. Solicit interest from identified DVBEs (from the OSDS database or otherwise) as early in the bidding process as practicable to allow the DVBEs to respond to the solicitation and submit a timely bid. Solicitations may be by phone, fax, email, letter, or other reasonable means, but must be documented. Submit documentation of all outreach efforts with the Good Faith Efforts documentation. Include copies of all DVBE responses.
5. Follow up initial solicitations. Document all such efforts and DVBE responses as part of the Good Faith Efforts documentation.
6. Work with interested DVBEs, including providing adequate information about the project and portions of work available and negotiating in good faith with interested DVBEs to assist them with being able to bid. Document all such efforts with the Good Faith Efforts documentation.

Substitutions

Entity and its subcontractors must use the DVBE subcontractor(s) and/or supplier(s) proposed unless Entity requests and receives authorization to substitute from the District. A DVBE subcontractor or supplier shall be replaced by another DVBE if possible. At a minimum, any request for substitution must include:

- (1) The reason for the substitution, which shall be limited to the circumstances permitted under Public Contract Code section 4107(a).
- (2) The identity of the listed DVBE and the name, address, contractor number, and DIR registration number of the proposed replacement.
- (3) If a DVBE cannot be identified as a replacement, documentation of efforts to find available DVBEs.

The DVBE shall be given the rights afforded by Public Contract Code section 4107 prior to the District acting on a requested substitution.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO AT LEAST THE DVBE PARTICIPATION PROPOSED WHEN ADOPTING THE TOTAL BASE RENT MAY BE CAUSE FOR CONTRACT TERMINATION AND RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR DEFAULT.