DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC EBID TO COMPETE FOR CITY BID OPPORTUNITIES

The City is always seeking to:

- Streamline and simplify the City's procurement process.
- Increase the number and diversity of vendors and contractors interested in providing goods and services to the City.

REGISTER FOR EBID & REVIEW BID OPPORTUNITIES AT:

https://columbiasc.ionwave.net



QUESTIONS?

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MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

MPP

ASSISTING FIRMS IN BUILDING CAPACITY, GAINING KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE IN WATERSEWER, CONSTRUCTION, AND UTILITY.













WHAT IS THE MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM?

The intent of the program is to build the capacity and strengthen the number of local firms competing for water/sewer projects. Protégés team up with mentors for City projects to increase their existing knowledge and capacity in water/sewer construction, engineering and professional services.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A MENTOR PROTÉGÉ?

If you are interested in becoming an approved Mentor Protégé Program team, both mentor and the protégé must send a completed application to the Office of Business Opportunities, Compliance. Your business must be in an approved team prior to bidding on any MPP projects.

ALL PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WEBSITE BELOW:

HTTPS://OBO.COLUMBIASC.GOV/CONTRACTOR-SUPPLIER-DIVERSITY/MENTOR-PROTEGE/





EXPERIENCE AND REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

Mentors must provide a list of five projects (minimum) and have an average annual revenue of at least $5 million (construction) or $3.5 million (professional services).

Protégés must have at least one year experience with similar projects and must have an average annual revenue of less than $5 million (construction) or $3.5 million (professional sevices).

Protégés must be located in the Columbia-Newberry Combined Statistical Area (Counties of Richland, Lexington, Kershaw, Fairfield, Saluda, Calhoun, Newberry, and Orangeburg).

It is the goal of the City of Columbia, SC to maximize opportunities for historically Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) including, but not limited to, Small Businesses (SBEs), Minority Businesses (MBEs), Women-Owned Businesses (WBEs).

COMMERCIAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Columbia to prohibit and discourage commercial discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, disability or any other form of unlawful discrimination in any City procurement or contract.

BENEFITS TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA

- Enhances the capability of M/W/SBEs to compete for city contracts.
- Encourages private sector relationships/joint ventures and expands efforts of the Office of
- Business Opportunities, Compliance to identify and respond to the development needs of M/W/SBEs.
- Provides an avenue for historically disadvantaged Americans to achieve entrepreneurial success and contribute to the strength, energy and tax base of the City of Columbia's economy.
- Increases employment opportunities.

TYPES OF MPP PROJECTS

Approved MPP teams may participate in the following two types of MPP projects:

Mentor-Protégé Project (Traditional) - Mentors serve as the contractor on traditional MPP projects and are required to award a minimum of (but not limited to) 20% of the total contract price to the protégé. The Mentor is responsible for all bonding and insurance requirements. There is no minimum dollar amount required for the Mentor.

Protégé-Only Projects – Protégés serve as the prime and are responsible for bidding on Protégé- Only projects. The protégé will have direct contact with the City and will be responsible for the overall management, facilitation, bonding, and insurance requirements of the project. The Mentor-Protégé Team may work together with the protégé receiving a minimum of 51% of the contract. The protégé may request assistance from their mentor, if needed. There is no minimum dollar amount required for the mentor.

The City of Columbia reserves the right to require mentor participation on certain Protégé-Only projects due to the scope and complexity of the project.