

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago and its Agencies are committed to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of its operations, including procurement processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago recognizes the importance of providing fair and equitable opportunities to diverse businesses, including minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and other historically disadvantaged businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago seeks to promote economic growth, job creation, and wealth-building within underserved communities through its procurement activities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that manufacturers, distributors, and any entities specified for business with the City of Chicago directly or indirectly must adhere to the principles of inclusivity and provide diverse companies with equal opportunity to participate on all City projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Chicago, that the following requirements shall be implemented to promote inclusive procurement practices:

Manufacturers, distributors, and any entities specified for procurement by the City of Chicago and its Agencies shall be required to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion in their business practices on City projects.

Manufacturers, distributors, and any entities specified directly or indirectly for procurement with the City of Chicago and its Agencies shall be required to allow all qualified diverse businesses equal opportunity as contractors, suppliers, and service providers on all City projects.

The City of Chicago and its Agencies shall evaluate the compliance of manufacturers, distributors, and any entities specified for procurement regarding their inclusive practices. Compliance shall be assessed based on the extent to which said entities actively promote and provide fair and equitable opportunities to diverse and historically disadvantaged businesses in Chicago.

If a manufacturer, distributor, or any entity specified for business with the City of Chicago is found to be non-compliant with the above inclusive procurement policy, they shall seek immediate correction or face removal from all City specifications.

The City of Chicago and its Agencies shall maintain transparency and accountability by regularly monitoring and reporting on the progress and outcomes of inclusive procurement practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago and its Agencies shall take all necessary steps to ensure the effective implementation of these inclusive procurement requirements, including but not limited to establishing evaluation criteria, monitoring mechanisms, and enforcement procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago and its Agencies shall provide resources, support, and technical assistance to diverse businesses to enhance their capacity and facilitate their participation in City projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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