

QUARTERLY DIGEST

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Clayton County Water Authority

Small Local Business Enterprise Program



CCWA Celebrates Procurement Month

By Marcia Jones

Did you know March is National Procurement Month? This is the month to recognize all of the Procurement Professionals who work so diligently to keep our companies, organizations and yes, water authorities running every day.

You are probably thinking, procurement is basically buying products and services for the company. Although that is correct, it is also ensuring the company receives the best terms and conditions, competitive pricing, quality goods and services all while remaining compliant. Whew!!! Now that is a balancing act!

CCWA's Procurement Team has over 37 years of Procurement and 10 years of Compliance Auditing experience. It is our knowledge and experience that make us experts in our field.

Purchasing Manager, Marcia Jones



Procurement & Contract Specialist, Kathy Bogaert



Procurement & Contract Specialist, Hilda Flores Procurement Compliance Coordinator, Isabel Parrilla



Truly, Procurement is a vital and critical element to the success of any company.....

HAPPY NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MONTH!

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Welcome!

Newly Certified SLBEs

Imagaan Facility Support Services
N&W Systems
Summit Lighting Solution
Talentage
Wet Willie Irrigation

Recertified SLBEs

Brindley Pieters & Associates
DAF Concrete
DD Sewer Inspection Services
Patterson Promotional Products

Current Open Procurements

- W.B. Casey WRRF Secondary Launder Covers
- Semi-Annual Generator Preventative Maintenance Services

Visit www.ccwa.us/procurement/ for details.

SLBE Quarter in Review

By: Isabel Parrilla

I joined CCWA SLBE as the Procurement Compliance Coordinator in October 2021. Small business is a fearless endeavor that I applaud as I have seen firsthand how much effort it takes to be successful. I am excited about creating opportunities for our small local businesses to connect and foster business growth through the SLBE Program.

CCWA is committed to actively doing business with certified firms in the SLBE Program from Clayton County and the surrounding 10 counties which includes Cherokee, Cobb, Dekalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Rockdale, and Spalding.

Our bid solicitations offer SLBE incentives to encourage small businesses to participate in the procurement process. The third quarter of FY 2021 (November 2021-January 2022) recorded CCWA's spending with SLBEs at approximately \$2.5 millions and brings the grand total spent with SLBEs for the first 3 quarters of FY 2021 to \$9.15 million. At present, we have 167 certified Small Local Business Enterprise firms in our program.

CCWA believes we are as successful as the communities we serve. We are committed to providing opportunities to small local businesses through the Small Local Business Enterprise Program.

Workshops & Spotlight Videos Series

The first Workshop and Informational Sessions for the 2022 Calendar Year were hosted in January and February. The Procurement Team hosted the Workshop Session, "Ask the Procurement Experts!" We thank the SLBEs who eagerly engaged with us in learning Clayton County Water Authority's Procurement Process. We are excited to partner with SBDC in our upcoming Workshop Development Sessions. Topics to come soon on the remaining three development sessions.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! SLBE SPOTLIGHT ACTION!

SLBE is excited to announce the return of the spotlight video series. In the upcoming quarters we will randomly select 5 CCWA SLBEs to spotlight in two-three minute videos that highlight the products and or services provided. Just another benefit of certifying with CCWA!

Stay Tuned!

