



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

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**ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** The Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program.

**PURPOSE:** To examine the MWBE program.

**ALBANY**

Friday, December 16th, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Roosevelt Hearing Room C

Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor

Albany, New York

**POSTPONED**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

Article 15-A of the Executive Law, "participation by minority group members and women with respect to state contracts", expires on December 31, 2017. This statute provides the framework for the MWBE certification and procurement program, and establishes targeted goals for sourcing of services and commodities by certified MWBE businesses. The Division of Minority and Women's Business Development within the Department of Economic Development is responsible for, among other things, establishing a statewide certification program, encouraging and assisting state agencies to increase MWBE participation, and commissioning a statewide disparity study regarding the participation of MWBEs on state contracts. In addition, the State administers several programs through its various agencies to provide MWBEs with technical, legal, and financial assistance.

The state has retained a firm to conduct a disparity study to determine if MWBEs have had equal access to contracting opportunities with the State. The results of such study will guide any further adjustments to the MWBE program as it is being renewed.

This hearing seeks to obtain input from various stakeholders involved in the State's various MWBE programs. In addition, the hearing will examine the impact of funding for the programs included in the enacted State budget.

**Oral testimony will be accepted by invitation only** and limited to **TEN (10)** minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

**Twenty (20)** copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Persons invited to present testimony at the public hearing on the MWBE program are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email or fax it to:

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