

MWBE OPPORTUNITIES

View vast New York State and New York City opportunities for MWBEs.

NEW YORK STATE

The New York State Contract Reporter (NYSCR)

NYSCR is New York's official website of state procurement activity. All state agencies, authorities, and public benefit corporations must advertise bid opportunities valued at \$50,000 or more viewable here:

<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/>

There are, on average, over 100 open ads posted in the past 7 days, viewable here:

<https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/>

Dormitory State Authority of New York (DASNY)

DASNY is New York State's public finance and construction authority, and currently has over a dozen active procurement opportunities. View DASNY Opportunities here:

<https://www.dasny.org/opportunities/rfps-bids>

New York Office of Government Services (OGS)

OGS Procurement Services is the state's centralized procurement office, managing nearly 1,500 contracts for commodities, services, and technology. View all available opportunities here:

<https://ogs.ny.gov/procurement>

NEW YORK CITY

The City Record Online

The City Record Online (CROL) is now a fully searchable database of notices published in the City Record newspaper which includes solicitations and awards and official rules proposed and adopted by city agencies. Sign up here:

<https://a856-cityrecord.nyc.gov/Visitor/SignUp>

NYC Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MCOS)

The MCOS's Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PASSPort) makes it easy to complete procurement tasks and compete for City contracts. Create an account here to view all opportunities:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/passport/about-passport.page>

Doing Business with New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

To participate in NYCHA's procurement opportunities and download bid documents, M/WBEs can register with NYCHA's free online procurement portal here:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nycha/business/isupplier-vendor-registration.page>

Annual M/WBE Procurement Plans

An annual plan detailing the anticipated contracting actions for the upcoming fiscal year for each city agency, from New York City Mayor's Office of Contract Services

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/mocs/resources/m-wbe-lll.page>



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MWBE

Fall 2026
Update

Minority-And Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Provided by Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn

A Message from

Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn • AD 42
Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight of Minority and
Women-Owned Business Enterprises

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Members of our Community,

As the autumn season takes hold and the crisp New York days settle in, this time of transition serves as a powerful reminder of our ongoing collective work. Our commitment to strengthening opportunities for Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) across the state remains as steadfast as ever as we head into the final months of the year.

Earlier this year, we gathered for MWBE Advocacy Day under the theme Empowered. Expanded. Enforced. While that day has passed, our daily legislative mission continues: pushing for the full enforcement of Article 15-A to ensure equity in state contracting is delivered seamlessly. We remain dedicated to expanding procurement access, advancing critical structural reforms, and keeping state systems accountable.

Over the summer and recent months, we have continued to push forward initiatives that increase access to capital, maximize state procurement participation, and improve overall transparency within the MWBE program. Guided by the data from the 2024 MWBE Disparity Study, our daily focus is translating those findings into permanent action—specifically through expanding regional outreach and scaling up technical assistance for business owners.

As you review the Fall 2026 Edition of my MWBE Newsletter, I encourage you to fully explore the state certification programs, active procurement opportunities, financial capital tools, and professional development programs designed to sustain your business's growth through the end of the year and beyond. Real economic progress is only possible when we stand together, speak with one voice, and demand accountability.

As always, if you have questions about MWBEs or need assistance, please contact my office at 718-940-0428 or ad42@nyassembly.gov. You may also visit my website at nyassembly.gov/mem/Rodneyse-Bichotte-Hermelyn.

Wishing you a productive season of steady growth, financial resilience, and renewed opportunity.

Warm regards,

Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn
Member of NYS Assembly



MWBE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Highlights of Introduced & Legislation to Enhance MWBE Success and Expand the Program (As of August 2026)

As the **Chair of the MWBE Subcommittee, Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn** has been instrumental in the passage of laws she sponsored to help MWBEs thrive and succeed. Read on for highlights of bills introduced by Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn for the 2026 Session, along with notable legislation from her colleagues.

Bill numbers and additional MWBE-related legislation can be searched on the NYS Assembly bill lookup page for more information:

<https://nyassembly.gov/leg/>

Indicates bills sponsored in both the Assembly and Senate

A5011 Bichotte Hermelyn: Requiring that minority and women-owned businesses be informed of the reason that they were not awarded a state or municipal contract.

A7043 Bichotte Hermelyn/S6087 Parker: An act to amend the public authorizes law, in relation to prohibiting the New York state environmental facilities corporation from entering into contracts, leases or other agreements with entities that are not compliant with the requirements of article five-A of the general municipal law regarding participation by minority- and women-owned businesses.

A7121 Bichotte Hermelyn/ S6294 Sanders: Requiring the state comptroller to prepare and release an annual report grading each state agency on its spending with minority and women -owned business

A7125 Bichotte Hermelyn / S8291 Sanders: Requiring that

public contracts be divided by size into large, medium, small and micro contracts for the purpose of increasing opportunities for small businesses, including MWBEs, to participate in state contracts.

A7117 Bichotte Hermelyn / S6317 Sanders: Authorizing political subdivisions to award public contracts to participants of a MWBE program at a cost premium not to exceed ten percent of the lowest bid.

A7111 Bichotte Hermelyn / S2055 Webb: Authorizing the empire state development corporation to retain an independent MWBE consultant firm for the purpose of helping reduce contractor violations of the provisions of article 15-A of the executive law.

A7223 Bichotte Hermelyn / S2555 Comrie: Aiming to increase transparency in the disposal of property by public authorities by requiring explanatory statements to include the names of all beneficial owners of the entity to which the property is being transferred.

Signed into Law:

Annual Report of Minority and Women's Business Development (A9455): Requires revisions and clarification to the reporting requirements for the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development's annual report by standardizing how MWBE utilization and expenditure data is presented, in order to improve transparency, usability, and consistency of reporting.

A7222 Bichotte Hermelyn: An act to amend the executive law, in relation to requirements of the annual report from the division of minority and women's business development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IN-PERSON EVENTS

■ Greater New York Chamber 25th Annual Business Expo

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 9AM - 4PM

BMCC 199 Chambers Street, NYC 10017

Network with government agencies, prime contractors, and corporate buyers seeking certified MWBE vendors.

<https://chamber.nyc/event/144516>

■ Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Month Kickoff

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 6PM-9PM

Town of Hempstead Pavilion, One Washington Street, Hempstead, NY 11550

A major regional networking evening celebrating minority entrepreneurship, featuring state procurement leads, mentorship connections, and panels on corporate supply chains.

■ 2026 Annual New York State MWBE Forum

SAVE THE DATE:

November 16 & 17, 2026

Albany Capital Center, 55 Eagle Street. Albany, NY 12207

Network with government agencies, prime contractors, and corporate buyers seeking certified MWBE vendors.

<https://ogs.ny.gov/MWBE>

■ Free 1:1 Small Business Advisory Sessions with PACE University Small Business Development Center

Hosted at Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn's District Office, and other locations citywide

Last Thursday of each month, *by appointment only.*

At Assemblymember Bichotte Hermelyn's District Office:1312 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Other service locations are located across Brooklyn and Manhattan: times vary per location. Application and appointment are required.

To find your closest service location, and register, visit:
<https://www.pacesbdc.org/counseling-form>

VIRTUAL WEBINARS/EVENTS

■ ESD MWBE Business Development Training Series:

Ongoing rolling sessions through Autumn/Winter 2026

<https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe/mwbe-business-development-unit/mwbe-training-and-event-series>

■ NYC SBS M/WBE Certification Webinar

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 3PM - 5PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mwbe-certification-webinar-09232026-tickets-1992523659904>

STATE

Office of the State Comptroller

<https://www.osc.ny.gov/state-vendors/resources/minority-and-women-owned-business-enterprises-mwbes>

This website provides information on the NYS MWBE Certification process, state contracting and purchasing opportunities for MWBEs.

New York State Procurement

nyspro.ogs.ny.gov

NYS' central procurement office provides information on establishing and managing goods and services.

Empire State Development - Division of Minority and Women's Business Development (DMWBD)

<https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe>

The Empire State Development web page on the DMWBD, containing useful information such as a guide to MWBE certification.

Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development

<https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans>

New York State's Division of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) contains useful information on the SDVOB certification process and opportunities for SDVOBs.

New York State Contract System (NYSCS)

<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/>

The NYSCS enables users to apply for NYS MWBE certification, search for NYS MWBE certified firms, and easily interact with State agencies and authorities.

New York State Contract Reporter

www.nyscr.ny.gov

NYS' official source of contracting opportunities.

Minority Commerce Weekly Online

<https://minoritycommerceweekly.com/>

A one-stop shop for MWBEs to search for a wide array of opportunities from several sources in one location.

Americas SBDC New York - an Accredited Technology Program

<https://americassbdc.org/>

The New York SBDC offers services to businesses that are interested in selling to local, state and federal government organizations. These services are provided at no charge to small businesses, including women-owned and minority-owned businesses throughout the state.

SBDC assistance includes identifying markets, providing group training, and offering access to a reference library of publications including the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR).

MWBE RESOURCES

NYC/LOCAL

NYC M/WBE Certification

<https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/description/minority-and-womenowned-business-enterprise-certification-program-mwbe>

The City of New York Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Program expands opportunities for minority and women entrepreneurs to access government contracts and grow their businesses. When eligible businesses are certified with the City, they become more visible to prospective buyers, including City agencies and private contractors seeking to purchase goods and services.

NYC Department Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/business/mwbe-program.page>

This is dedicated to increasing Supplier Diversity by supporting the City's commitment to encourage a competitive and diverse New York City business environment.

NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/businesses/certify-with-the-city.page>

This website features more information on MWBE certification, success stories and other contracting opportunities.

NYC School of Construction Authority (SCA)

<http://www.nycsca.org/MWLBE/Overview>

This website provides information on certification, recertification, appeals, and opportunities to work with the School of Construction Authority.

NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/ddc/mwbe/mwbe.page>

The DDC's Office of Diversity and Industry Relations develops policies and procedures to support M/WBEs and foster fruitful relationships with industry partners.

Nassau County Long Island MWBE Program

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1735/MWBE-PROGRAM>

This website provides information on certification in Nassau County and additional resources for success in the marketplace.

Suffolk County Long Island MWBE Program

<http://www.suffolccountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/MinorityAffairs/MinorityandWomenOwnedBusinesses/CertifyBusiness.aspx>

This website provides information on certification in Suffolk County and additional resources for access to capital.

CUNY/CUCF

<http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/fpcm/cucf/procurement/>

Procurement Opportunities within the City University of New York (CUNY).

Westchester County

<https://westchestercatalyst.com/programs-incentives/minority-and-women-owned-business-program/>

Westchester's MWBE Program.

Erie County Equal Employment Opportunity

<http://www2.erie.gov/eeo/index.php?q=mbewbe-resources>

Erie County's MWBE Certification process in Erie County.

City of Albany

<https://www.albanyny.gov/332/Minority-Women-Owned-Business-Enterprise>

City of Albany's MWBE Participation Program.

City of Ithaca

<https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/procurement/suppliers/getting-certified/mwbe>

Cornell University's MWBE Program.

City of Rochester

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/mwbe/>

City of Rochester's MWBE Utilization Plan.

City of Syracuse

<https://www.syr.gov/Departments/DECSI/MWBE-and-SDVOB-Program>

City of Syracuse's MWBE Participation Program.