

2009

Allegheny County MWDBE Department Annual Report

Director: Ruth Byrd-Smith

Spotlight on Progress

Points of Interest

- Minority Research Policy Group of SW Pennsylvania
- Advisory Committee
- “From the Director”
- Mission Statement
- Statistical Data



Executive Speaks at Launch of Minority Research Group

County Executive Dan Onorato spoke at the launch of the Minority Research Policy Group of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

This organization brings together a group of doctorate-level African-

Americans that examine and write about issues affecting the minority community from an educational, academic research prospective, but also from a pragmatic, experiential perspective.

This kind of data is of great assistance in MWDBE programming strategy.



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY
DEPARTMENT OF MWDBE

DAN ONORATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RUTH BYRD-SMITH
DIRECTOR



2009 MBE Advisory Committee Members

Back Row, L-R: Abass Kamara, Joseph Olczak, Mark Patrick Flaherty, Tim Stevens, James Johnston (for Dennis Davin)

Front Row, L-R: Lisa Edmonds, Toni Silva, Ruth Byrd-Smith, M. Gayle Moss, Joyce Query

Members not in photo: Dennis Davin, Victor Diaz, Amy Griser, Kenneth Huston, Timothy Johnson, Marc Little, Iftikhar Malik, Im Sook Reinhart



Hello from the MWDDBE Department,

During 2009, our department hosted booths at tradeshow, provided speakers for various events, wrote articles for publications that work with MWDDBE businesses and made loan information available to our businesses. As you will see from some of the photos and statistics, we were able to reach and assist many. Moving forward it is our hope that we can help more on their entrepreneurial journey.

Sincerely,
 Ruth Byrd-Smith, Director



Intern and Deputy Director at WBEC Trade Show

The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

-Walter Bagehot

MWDBE Department Staff



Back Row, L-R: Sue Broadus, Lisa Edmonds, Kristy Kwisnek, Nancy Florence, Lorraine Blanar, Chandler Wolf
 Front Row: Ruth Byrd-Smith

*The Allegheny County Department of MWDBE is Raising the Bar
 in the 21st Century*

MWDBE Department Mission Statement

To create an environment that promotes meaningful business opportunities, showcases viable MWDBE firm capabilities, builds productive partnerships and exercises effective program management, targeted towards successful integration of MWDBE firms within the business structure of Allegheny County and surrounding areas.

The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged

Business Enterprise (MWDBE) serves as the catalyst for business development by providing technical assistance, advocating MWDBE business concerns, and providing information on opportunities within Allegheny County, as well as other local public agencies. This department works in partnership with all County departments and the community at large, to ensure the inclusion of MWDBE firms in meaningful business opportunities throughout Allegheny County.

Department Statistics

Certification On-Sites	178
Status Meetings	97
Pre-Bid & Bid Openings	35
Committee Meetings	14
Technical Assistance Meetings	89
Networking Events	23



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Tracked 2009 Contracts

Award Date 1/1/2009 – 12/31/2009

Total Contracts: \$53,787,989

Minority Prime Awarded Contracts: \$3,284,805

(Includes Minority Women utilized under Minority category in participation plan)

Non-Minority Women Prime Contracts: \$522,897

Minority Sub Contracts: \$6,599,646

(Includes Minority Women utilized under Minority category in participation plan)

Non-Minority Women Sub Contracts: \$639,537

***Total MWDBE:* \$11,046,855**

MBE

18.38%

WBE

2.16%

2009 Non-Profit Spending

Non-Profit Tracked Spending:

Faith Based Contracts

\$62,687,503

African American Contracts

\$44,454,561

Faith Based & African American

\$6,666,546

Tracked Spending Special Note: MWDBE Spend + Non-Profit Spend = \$124,855,465