



**2017 ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY,
WOMEN AND DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**



ALLEGHENY COUNTY
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ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I present you the 2017 Annual Report for the Department of Minority, Women & Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE). The department continues to provide services and opportunities to the region's MWDBEs, which have played a vital role in supporting our local economy that is thriving and growing.

MWDBEs have an immense impact on this region. Nationally, minority-run businesses produce over \$400 billion in annual revenue and employ more than 2.2 million people. Our MWDBE Department plays a part in that as it certified 65 new firms through the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program in 2017. The program allows businesses to achieve certification that is recognized by all recipients of federal funds in Pennsylvania. Additionally, the total number of firms certified increased 7.92%, and the number of certification counseling sessions increased 42.79% from 2016. MWDBE participation also continued to grow. The Department of Public Works had a total MWDBE participation of 22.79%, and authorities within Allegheny County had participation rates at 15%, both of which were increases from 2016.

Those numbers reflect our commitment to helping MWDBEs grow and succeed. We believe diversity in our business community strengthens this area economically, socially, and culturally. That's why we also are focused on ensuring that county employees, boards, and authorities reflect the tremendous diversity of this region. Since I first took office in 2012, I'm proud that almost a quarter of all county appointments were non-white, and nearly 45% were women.

Through collaboration, our efforts have created a community that is grabbing attention around the world for its remarkable innovation, stable business environment, significant capacity for growth, and high quality of life. We are not resting on our laurels, however, and always are looking for ways to improve our services and support the spirit of entrepreneurship. Therefore, we encourage your input, comment, feedback, and suggestions on ways to enhance our MWDBE programs. We look forward to working together with you to make Allegheny County a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald

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Dear Friends,

I respectfully submit to you the 2017 Allegheny County Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Annual Report.

The main objective of the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise is to ensure that all businesses are given the opportunity to obtain and participate on contracts at Allegheny County. To accomplish this objective, the Department is focused on three primary functions. The first function is to provide certification to disadvantaged business owners wishing to provide products and/or services to our region. In that regard, the Department is a Certifying Participant of the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program. Those seeking certification as a disadvantaged business enterprise can apply through our office.

The second function is to oversee the contracting process to ensure that a "good faith effort" has been made to utilize disadvantaged businesses in the pre-contract award process. Through the duration of the contracts we oversee the monthly reporting of progress payments to these businesses.

The third function is to reach out to the community at trade shows, workshops and speaking engagements. This helps us get information out to the public.

In 2017 we counseled business owners on the process of becoming certified, discussed how to contract and market to Allegheny County and provided information about the programs and services that other community organizations have available.

A few of the successful events we sponsored were:

- SHARE 2017 – business matchmaking with government and corporate partners.
- Annual Open House – yearly event to engage with our certified firms and introduce our services to the community.
- DyNet Pittsburgh (Dynamic Networking Pittsburgh) – A full day of workshops and networking.

We hope you will enjoy our story of the past year.

Sincerely,



Ruth Byrd-Smith
Director

RUTH BYRD-SMITH, DIRECTOR
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DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY, WOMEN AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

ABOUT US

In 1981, the Allegheny County Commissioners established a county-wide Minority Business Enterprise Program to provide for greater participation of minority and women business enterprises (MBEs and WBEs) in County contracts. The goal of the program was to remove impediments that prevented those businesses from achieving greater participation. That program evolved into today's Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE).

The mission of the Department is 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 those firms within the business structure of Allegheny County and surrounding areas.

MISSION

The mission of the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWDBE) is to build the capacity of MWDBE certified businesses, monitor contracts to ensure compliance with Allegheny County goals and provide outreach and technical assistance to the business community.

The Department's objective is to ensure that MWDBE firms are given the maximum opportunity to obtain and perform on County contracts. In order to accomplish and monitor this effort, goals have been established for all contracts and other business-related activities entered into by Allegheny County having overall goals of 13% for MBEs and 2% for WBEs. These goals remain in effect throughout the life of each contract.

To accomplish this objective, the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise provides services in the following areas:

Certification: Allegheny County is a certifying participant of the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP). The purpose of the PA UCP is to provide "one-stop shopping" for firms seeking certification as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in

accordance with the 49 CFR Part 26. The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise has a portfolio of approximately 550 companies that are certified through this program.

Contract Participation: The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise oversees the effort made by firms bidding contracts with Allegheny County to ensure that a "good faith effort" has been made to include MWDBEs on these offerings. The Department also serves as the repository for all information on MWDBE contract participation county-wide.

Outreach and Technical Assistance: The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise communicates with the public by hosting and participating in workshops, trainings, trade shows and speaking engagements. The Department partners with local nonprofits at whose satellite sites it conducts monthly certification counseling sessions. The Department hosts an annual Open House that is open to the public and provides a networking opportunity as well as a forum for technical business assistance.

The Department's objective is to ensure that MWDBE firms are given the maximum opportunity to obtain and perform on County contracts.

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

In addition to Director Ruth Byrd-Smith and Deputy Director Lisa Edmonds, the MWDBE Department consists of administrative, certification and compliance staff. The Department's 2017 adopted budget totaled \$686,389.

Leadership



Ruth Byrd-Smith
Director



Lisa Edmonds
Deputy Director

Staff



Sue Broadus
Senior Certification Analyst



Debbie Lewis
Contract Compliance Generalist



Kristy Kwisnek
Office Manager



De Doyle
Certification Analyst



KaShayna Trent
Contract Compliance Specialist



Dana Missouri
Administrative Assistant

The staff works collaboratively to increase the services provided to MWDBE firms, the number of certified firms in markets and the availability of meaningful business opportunities afforded to MWDBE firms in the county. They also ensure effective communication with firms and the establishment of meaningful partnerships that advance the program.

The Department maintains relationships with organizations that share in its mission including:

- Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP)
- Pennsylvania Women's Hall of Achievement
- Center for Women's Entrepreneurship at Chatham University
- Diversity Business Resource Center (DBRC)
- Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC)
- Pittsburgh Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
- Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh
- Southwestern Pennsylvania Engineering Outreach (SPEO)
- MWDBE Governmental Committee
- National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
- Mon Yough Chamber of Commerce
- SHARE
- DyNet Pittsburgh
- American Contract Compliance Association (ACCA)

CERTIFICATION

PENNSYLVANIA UNIFIED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

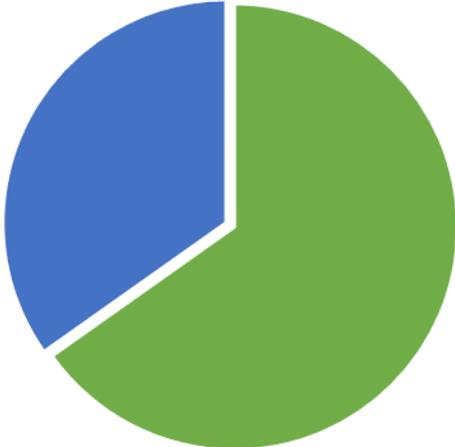
The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise is a certifying participant under the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP). Created in response to federal action that revamped the U.S. Department of Transportation’s DBE program, the PA UCP was created to provide a one-stop shop for DBEs. The unified program allows businesses to file one application and go through one certification review to achieve certification that is recognized by all recipients of federal funds in the state. Allegheny County’s MWDBE Department is one of five organizations throughout the Commonwealth that certifies DBEs.

Participation in the PA UCP ensures mandatory reciprocity, a customer-friendly process and a unified DBE directory for use by prime contractors wishing to participate in the program. A total of 586 firms were certified in 2017; 507 were renewed by annual affidavit from previous years and 65 were new. Of the 586 firms certified at the end of 2017, 368 or 63% were located within Allegheny County. Eighty (80) firms were from outside the state with the remaining 138 businesses domiciled in other Pennsylvania counties.

County	Number of Firms	County	Number of Firms
Allegheny	368	Huntingdon	1
Armstrong	1	Indiana	2
Beaver	12	Lawrence	1
Bucks	0	Luzerne	1
Butler	26	McKean	2
Cambria	11	Mercer	4
Centre	1	Somerset	1
Clearfield	1	Venango	2
Crawford	3	Washington	23
Dauphin	1	Westmoreland	27
Delaware	0	York	1
Erie	13	Out of State	80
Fayette	3	Total Firms	586
Greene	1		

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) is to provide “one-stop shopping” for firms seeking certification as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). The PA UCP partners are the Allegheny County Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Port Authority of Allegheny County, City of Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

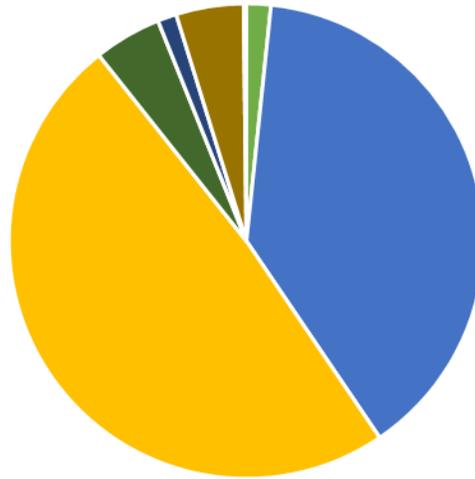
Gender Demographics



■ Female ■ Male

Gender	Number of Certified Firms	%
Female	372	65%
Male	214	35%

Certified Firm Ethnicity Demographics



- Asian Pacific American
- Black American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic American
- Native American
- Subcontinent Asian American

Ethnicity	Number of Certified Firms	%
Asian Pacific American	8	1.66%
Black American	244	38.86%
Caucasian (Female)	276	48.80%
Hispanic American	25	4.60%
Native American	7	1.29%
Subcontinent Asian American	25	4.60%
Other	1	0.19%

CONTRACT PARTICIPATION

The MWDBE Department reviews the lowest bid contract and works to ensure the highest level of MWDBE participation throughout the life of the contract.

The Allegheny County Administrative Code (§435-10) requires that prime contractors submit an MWDBE plan and identifies the selection criteria for projects. At the time a bid or proposal is submitted, the contractor must identify the MWDBEs that will participate in the work. A description of the work that the MWDBE will perform and the dollar value of the services or goods to be provided by the MWDBE are to be included along with a written assurance that the MWDBE plan will be followed.

The written assurance must also state that the MWDBE is not prohibited from providing quotes to other prime contractors and make assurances that if the MWDBE is unable to perform successfully that the prime contractors will make every effort to replace that business with another MWDBE.

If a participation plan submitted with the bid documents does not meet the participation goals, the MWDBE Department reviews the plan to ensure that a “good faith effort” (see definition below) has been made to identify and offer business opportunities to MWDBE firms that are available in the marketplace. A thorough “good faith effort” verifies that there are no qualified MWDBE vendors available to participate in that contract area. For that reason, contracts that are granted waivers are not included in the contract total and are not compared to contracts where MWDBE vendors are available to participate.

If the Department determines that a “good faith effort” has been made, a waiver for the participation gap may be granted.

In the event that the prime contractor/vendor is an MWDBE firm, this information must still be submitted. In the case of a firm that is owned by a minority woman, at the onset of the contract the prime contractor/

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vendor must declare the MWDBE designation the minority woman owned firm will fulfill and seek participation for the other designation.

A “GOOD FAITH EFFORT”

(Using guidance from of 49 CFR Part 26, Appendix A)

- Soliciting the interest of certified DBEs who have the capability to perform the work of the contract through all reasonable and available means
- Selecting portions of the work to be performed by DBEs in order to increase the likelihood that the DBE goals will be achieved
- Providing interested DBEs with adequate information about the plans, specifications and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation
- Negotiating in good faith with interested DBEs
- Not rejecting DBEs as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities.
- Making efforts to assist interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or contractor
- Effectively using the services of available minority/women community organizations, **contractors’ groups, business assistance offices and other organizations to provide** assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBEs
- Monitoring the performance of other bidders in meeting the contract

The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise uses a comprehensive contract compliance reporting system to capture MWDBE spend. The system provides functionality such as automated notices and reminders, which allows the Department to monitor contracts more intensely.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: DIVISION OF PURCHASING & SUPPLIES

The Department of Administrative Services: Division of Purchasing and Supplies procures supplies, equipment and services for Allegheny County. Their mission is to bring value to the procurement process while reducing cost, creating efficiency and providing high quality customer service.

The following numbers represent committed participation on the Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and lowest bid Invitations for Bid (IFBs) during calendar year 2017. Piggyback, sole source, extension and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) contracts are not reviewed by the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise. Additionally, multi-year contracts are reported during the year they are signed.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	M/WBE Expenditure	M/WBE %
Purchasing and Supplies	\$30,452,600	\$2,829,603	9.29%	\$1,149,289	3.77%	N/A	N/A
Staples	\$1,809,142	\$272,308	15.05%	\$17,316	0.96%	\$12,207	0.67%
Total	\$32,261,742	\$3,101,911	9.6%	\$1,166,605	3.62%	\$12,207	0.67%

	Contract Expenditure	Total MWDBE Expenditure	Total MWDBE %
Purchasing and Supplies	\$30,452,600	\$3,978,892	13.1%
Staples	\$1,809,142	\$301,831	16.68%
Total	\$32,261,742	\$4,280,723	13.27%

The numbers listed for Purchasing and Supplies represent contract commitments. The numbers listed for Staples represent actual dollars spent with M/W/DBEs.

The County enters into some revenue based contracts, typically in the County Parks. The 2017 MWDBE participation in revenue contracts includes \$47,271 in revenue from MBE firms and \$1,000 in revenue from WBE firms.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works is charged with the provision of the County’s infrastructure, maintenance and engineering service. Its mission is to provide those services in an efficient, effective, responsive and responsible manner in order to enhance the quality of life, economic prosperity and mobility of the citizens of Allegheny County.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	MWDBE Expenditure	MWDBE %
Public Works	\$8,882,497	\$1,789,046	20.14%	\$231,624	2.61%	\$2,020,670	22.79%

In 2017, the County oversaw PennDOT contracts totaling \$23,375,004.36, of which \$794,873.54 was spent with MWDBEs.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is responsible for providing and administering publicly-funded human services to Allegheny County residents. DHS is dedicated to meeting those needs through community partners that hold contracts to service the County’s most vulnerable populations. Although the majority of those partners are not certified as MWDBEs, DHS does provide information relative to its service providers that have self-identified as African American, faith based or both.

Providers designated as African American were based on the following criteria: foundation mission/purpose, CEO/Board Chair is African American, and neighborhood/consumers are predominantly African American. Likewise, providers designated as faith based were determined by the following criteria: mission/purpose and affiliation with faith based entity.

The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise serves as the repository for DHS contract participation data and does not review or certify any contracts on their behalf.

	African American	Faith Based	African American and Faith Based	Total
Number	45	18	16	47
Value	\$51,945,188	\$8,445,979	\$8,072,766	\$52,318,400.51
Average per Contract	\$1,154,338	\$469,221	\$504,548	\$1,113,157

ALLEGHENY COUNTY AUTHORITIES

Pursuant to Article 203 of the Allegheny County Administrative Code, each County Authority must develop policies to ensure the participation of minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises. The Authorities provide reports to the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise on their progress throughout the year. The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise does not review contract participation on behalf of the Allegheny County Authorities.

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County

Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) is the lead economic and residential development agency for Allegheny County and coordinates development initiatives across its eight divisions. ACED staffs multiple County Authorities, including the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. The following participation data represents contracts under the Redevelopment Authority.

The report is provided with breakdowns based on programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF), Gaming Economic Development Fund (GEDF), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and a variety of other miscellaneous programs.

The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise serves as the repository for ACED contract participation data and does not review or certify any contracts on their behalf.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	MWDBE Expenditure	MWDBE %
CDBG	\$9,258,726	\$473,004	5%	\$587,499	6%	\$1,060,503	11%
CITF	\$5,097,591	\$364,469	7%	\$411,130	8%	\$775,599	15%
GEDF	\$4,833,928	\$220,934	5%	\$513,187	11%	\$734,121	15%
HOME	\$1,908,274	\$11,800	1%	\$482,112	25%	\$483,912	26%
LHRD	\$49,481	\$685	1%	2,210	4%	\$2,895	6%
Other	\$65,660	\$49,856	76%	\$15,804	24%	\$65,660	100%
Total	\$21,213,660	\$1,120,748	5%	\$2,011,942	9%	\$3,132,690	15%

	Contract Expenditure	VOSB* Expenditure	VOSB %
CDBG	\$9,258,726	\$71,000	1%
CITF	\$5,097,591	\$0	0%
GEDF	\$4,833,928	-	0%
HOME	\$1,908,274	-	0%
LHRD	\$49,481	0	0%

Other	\$65,660	-	0%
Total	\$21,213,660	\$118,500	1%

*Veteran Owned Small Business

Allegheny County Airport Authority

The Allegheny County Airport Authority was created in 1999 to operate the Pittsburgh International and Allegheny County airports. The Authority oversees all aspects of airport operations including new development, environmental issues and airline and tenant management, as well as airfield operations.

Quarter	Dates	MWDBE Contract Participation
1	Jan 1 to Mar 31 2017	\$913,128
2	Apr 1 to Jun 30, 2017	\$887,469
3	Jul 1 to Sep 30, 2017	559,911
4	Oct 1 to Dec 31, 2017	\$339,119
Total		\$2,699,627

Allegheny County Housing Authority

The Allegheny County Housing Authority was created to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for eligible low-income families and senior citizens in Allegheny County. The Authority owns and manages 3,300 units and administers over 5,000 vouchers. It has three HOPE VI developments and 22 mixed-finance properties.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	DBE Expenditure	DBE %
Service Contracts*	\$3,372,158	\$156,000	5%	\$413,250	54%	\$0	0%

	Contract Expenditure	MWDBE Expenditure	MWDBE %
Service Contracts	\$3,372,158	\$1,965,000	58%

Allegheny County Sanitary Authority

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) was formed in 1946 to provide wastewater treatment services to 83 communities within Allegheny County, including the City of Pittsburgh. Its principal treatment plant is along the Ohio River, downstream from Pittsburgh's downtown, and processes up to 250 million gallons of wastewater daily.

Contract Expenditure	MWDBE Reported	MWDBE %
\$7,459,919	\$184,920	2%

Port Authority of Allegheny County

Formed in 1959 by the Pennsylvania legislature, the Port Authority of Allegheny County began serving the community in March 1964. The agency operates, maintains and supports bus, light rail, incline and paratransit service for approximately 214,000 daily (weekday) riders. The Authority operates on a fiscal year of October through September and reports based on a fiscal, not calendar, year.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	MWDBE Expenditure	MWDBE %
Service Contracts*	\$30,128,084	\$2,589,726	9%	\$1,769,335	6.0%	\$5,302,515	18%

* Contract expenditure from October 2016 - September 2017

Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

The Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA) was created in 1954 and charged with the construction and support of sports and exhibition facilities. Facilities include the Lower Hill Redevelopment Site, PPG Paints Arena, PNC Park, Heinz Field, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Convention Center Riverfront Plaza, North Shore Riverfront Park and the North Shore Garage. The SEA also provides administrative and other staff support to the Stadium Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

	Contract Expenditure	MBE Expenditure	MBE %	WBE Expenditure	WBE %	MWDBE Expenditure	MWDBE %
Service Contracts	\$5,807,022	\$340,244	6%	\$1,110,581	19%	\$1,450,825	25%

OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Each year the MWDBE Department coordinates or partners with others to facilitate workshops, seminars, trade shows and other business opportunities to engage with the general public. The offered trainings provide capacity building, business technical assistance and other support to its certified firms and other small businesses.

ADVOCATING MWDBE BUSINESS CONCERNS

In addition to advocating for the increased involvement of MWDBE firms in the business process of Allegheny County, the MWDBE Department also works closely with other agencies, non-profits and corporations in our region.

In 2017 the Department:

- Certified **586** firms
- Attended **22** construction status meetings
- Attended **6** pre-bid and bid openings
- Monitored **164** active contracts
- Participated in **35** outreach activities
- Conducted **287** certification counseling sessions

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satellite sites it conducts

monthly certification

counseling sessions.

MWDBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Allegheny County Administrative Code §435-3, the MWDBE Advisory Committee routinely recommends specific MWDBE goals, monitors progress on the County's MWDBE efforts on a quarterly basis and recommends outreach activities for improving MWDBE participation. Members of the Committee are appointed by the County Executive and County Council.

The 2017 MWDBE Advisory Committee was comprised of the following individuals:



Austin Davis
*Office of the Allegheny
County Executive*



Victor Diaz
*VideoTek
Construction, LLC*



Abass Kamara
The Carey Group



Marc Little
MWELA



M. Gayle Moss
*MWDBE Advisory
Committee Chair*



Barbara Parees
*Office of the Allegheny
County Manager*



Roxanne Sewell
*LJS Publishing/
Talk Magazine*



Toni Silva
UPMC



Tim Stevens
B-PEP

EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

2017 Event Highlight

Annual Southwestern Pennsylvania Engineering Outreach
Opportunities Forum

16th Annual Conference for Minority, Women & Disadvantaged
Business Enterprises

National Minority Supplier Development Council Conference
96th Annual Transportation Research Board

SHARE 2017

Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business
Enterprise Annual Open House

Diversity Business Resource Center Certification Workshops

Hill Community Development Corporation Certification Workshops

Homewood Community Empowerment Association Certification
Workshops

Bizwomen Mentoring Monday

19th Annual Entrepreneurs' Growth & Networking Conference

Pittsburgh National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People 63rd Annual Human Rights Dinner

26th Annual Racial Justice Awards Luncheon

Southwestern Pennsylvania Engineering Outreach 17th Annual
Outreach Reception

Government Agency Coordination Office 30th Annual Procurement
Opportunities Fair

DyNet Pittsburgh

2017 Annual Open House

E & S Parking And Transportation, Inc.

Edward Everett



E & S Parking and Transportation, Inc. was founded by Edward R. Everett Jr. in 1985. E & S Parking and Transportation has provided airport parking and shuttle services at the Pittsburgh International Airport for 32 years and has been part of the MBE program for almost as long. Mr. Everett is an inspiration to other small diverse businesses in the area.

The Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise recognized Mr. Everett for his accomplishments and wished him well in his retirement during its 2017 Annual Open House. Additionally, County Council recognized Mr. Everett in November 2017.



*Ruth Byrd-Smith congratulates
Edward Everett on 32 years of
business*



Mr. Everett and County Council

2017 Annual Open House



Attendees at the 2017 Annual Open House

The Annual Open House equips minority and women owned businesses with resources and offers an opportunity for them to network with government contacts, prime contractors and their fellow business owners. The event also gives the MWDBE Department staff an opportunity to meet the firms they assist throughout the year.

A total of 142 professionals from businesses that are MWDBE certified or that do business with the County, were invited to participate as well as representatives from corporations, government agencies, public officials and nonprofits that work with small businesses, business organizations and trade associations. The two-hour event included opening remarks by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and presentations from the Southwestern PA Commission, Allegheny County Purchasing Division, Allegheny County Airport Authority and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

“Working Together”

Co-hosted by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

Our first “Working Together” event was held on November 2 to provide an opportunity for certified minority and women owned businesses and the Department of Human Services’ (DHS) contracted providers to learn the ins-and-outs of MWDBE requirements for DHS. The event provided information and networking opportunities for firms, providers and department staff.

Given the success of this inaugural event similar opportunities will be pursued.



Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald



DHS Deputy Director Randy Brockington



Allegheny County Manager William McKain



DHS Contracts and Compliance Administrator Darnell Moses



“Working Together” Attendees

Exemplary Employee Awardee



L-R: Deputy County Manager Barbara Parees, Chief of Staff Jennifer Liptak, Deputy County Manager Stephen Pilarski, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Sue Broadus, Director Ruth Byrd-Smith, County Manager William McKain

Sue Broadus, Senior Certification Analyst for the MWDBE Department, was the recipient of the Allegheny County Exemplary Employee Award in November 2017. She has been a dedicated and committed employee since June 1988. She was recognized in the categories of efficiency and productivity.

Pittsburgh Bar Association Minority and Women Lawyers Business Development Forum



Director Ruth Byrd-Smith (center) with panelists at the Forum

Photo Gallery: Year in Review





County Executive Rich Fitzgerald at the 2017 "Working Together" event

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