

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM (SDP)
January – December 2014

In the last quarter ending December 31, 2014, NYPA awarded \$17.4 million or 20.37% of our reportable expenditures to New York State-certified Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprises (“MWBEs”). From January through December 2014, the Authority awarded \$72.2 million or 21.87% of our reportable expenditures to New York State-certified MWBEs. This includes both direct contracts and subcontracts, including construction and energy efficiency-related work. The State-mandated goal for fiscal year 2013-2014 was 20% and the Authority successfully achieved that goal.

It should also be noted that during calendar year 2014, Treasury’s transactions with four (4) New York State-certified MWBE financial dealers totaled over \$302 million in principal sales and purchases for the Authority.

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, signed into law by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on May 12, 2014, allows eligible Veteran business owners to become certified as a New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (“SDVOB”) in order to increase participation in New York State's contracting opportunities. OGS has selected a pilot group of agencies and authorities that will provide the greatest likelihood of maximizing the utilization of SDVOBs. The Authority has been selected as one of four (4) authorities to participate in this initiative for New York State. Six percent (6%) SDVOB participation goals are sought from participating agencies. Such agency-specific goals are in addition to goals established pursuant to Article 15-A of the Executive Law with respect to procurements from certified MWBEs.

A goal plan for the SDVOB program, an MWBE agency master goal plan and quarterly MWBE utilization report were prepared and submitted to the Governor’s office as required by January 15, 2015. Review and approval by the State are pending. The Authority remains responsive to New York State’s legislative requirements, increased surveys, roundtables and inquiries regarding MWBE practices and procedures. Thirty percent (30%) MWBE participation goals are now in effect for all New York State agencies and authorities and this represents the highest such target in the nation.

In 2014, New York State implemented its New York State Contracting System (“NYSCS”) applicable to all State agencies and authorities. It requires all agencies and authorities to utilize this system to input all state contracts into the NYSCS for contract compliance monitoring and reporting, including those that are not subject to Article 15-A requirements. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority, Empire State Development and B2G (the software developer of the NYSCS) has been executed to facilitate the Authority’s development, on-boarding and implementation of this requirement. Initial phases are underway and the effort is expected to take several months to complete.