

Forest Preserves of Cook County

FY 2022 Annual Business Diversity Report

Executive Summary

2022 Accomplishments

- 60% of contracts (\$17,122,681) were awarded to minority- and women-owned businesses
- 51% of contract payments (\$11,329,883) were made to MBE/WBE businesses

Contracts Awarded

60% of contracts awarded by the District went to MBE/WBEs:

- 79% participation on Construction Contracts
- 37% participation on Goods and Services Contracts
- 39% participation on Professional Services Contracts

Payments Made

51% of payments on District contracts went to MBE/WBEs:

- 76% participation on Construction Contracts
- 30% participation on Goods and Services Contracts
- 61% participation on Professional Services Contracts

Vendor Outreach

- Participated in 11 outreach and workshop conferences, in collaboration with various Government entities, Assist Agencies and Chambers of Commerce throughout Cook County.
- The District periodically leveraged its outreach efforts by using social media channels (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) in addition to the Forest Way to attract MWBEs to consider doing business with the District.
- Conducted How-To-do Business virtual workshops to vendors seeking MBE/WBE certification and interested in doing business with the District and County.
- Participated in other government agencies' Pre-bid meetings with the purpose of attracting and engaging vendors currently not pursuing contracting opportunities with the District.