

## Equal Opportunity Review Commission

### MINUTES

September 19, 2024

12:00 PM

via Zoom

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Erin Conley, Dr. Karen Hall, Jennie Sweet Cushman, Sara Segel, Chaquita Barnett, Jenna Cramer, Arthur Balthrop & Ivan Usero

**Staff in Attendance:** Chuck Durham, Upasna Goswami & Daniel Moore

#### I. Introduction

Motion to approve August 2024 minutes unanimously passed.

#### II. New Plan

- III. 2409-01- FEMA BRIC Project** -This is a professional project submitted by the Department of City Planning. There was representation from the prime, HR&A Advisors. There is an MBE on the plan- E Holding, Inc. with 18% participation. The total project cost is \$300,000.00.

Votes on Plan

Erin Conley	Yes	Dr. Karen Hall	Yes
Jennie Sweet Cushman	Yes	Sara Segel	Yes
Chaquita Barnett	Yes	Jenna Cramer	Yes
Ivan Usero	Yes	Arthur Balthrop	Yes
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

#### Plan Approved

**2409-02– Ruthven St. Retaining Wall** - This is a construction project submitted by the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure. The prime on the plan is A. Merante Contracting, Inc., and there was representation from their organization. There are four MBEs on the project with Diversified Commodities

Inc., R&R Trucking, LLC, Reed Building Supply LLC and Supreme Traffic Control at 21.41% participation. There are six WBEs on the plan with DS Hinkson Lumber and Supplies, LLC, Interstate Enterprises, Inc., Keystone Industrial Sales & services, Inc., RaeLyn Enterprises, Inc., Schrock Fence Company & Williams & Williams Line Painting, Inc. at 2.67% participation. The total project cost is \$3,107,514.00.

#### Votes on Plan

Erin Conley	Yes	Dr. Karen Hall	Yes
Jennie Sweet Cushman	Yes	Sara Segel	Yes
Chaquita Barnett	Yes	Jenna Cramer	Yes
Ivan Usero	Yes	Arthur Balthrop	Yes
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

#### Plan Approved

**2409-03- Emerald View Park Phase 1: Trail and Trailhead Improvements–** This is a construction project submitted by Department of Public Works. The prime on the plan is Brex Enterprises, a WBE. There is an MBE, Butler Landscaping on the plan at 7.9% participation. The total project cost is \$630,272.00.

#### Votes on Plan

Erin Conley	Yes	Dr. Karen Hall	Yes
Jennie Sweet Cushman	Yes	Sara Segel	Yes
Chaquita Barnett	Yes	Jenna Cramer	Yes
Ivan Usero	Yes	Arthur Balthrop	Yes
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

#### Plan Approved

**2409-04- Answering Services Authority Wide -** This is a professional services project submitted by Housing Authority. New Orleans Teleport,

Inc., a certified MBE is the prime. No local firms applied. The total project cost is \$102,000.00.

#### Votes on Plan

Erin Conley	Yes	Dr. Karen Hall	Yes
Jennie Sweet Cushman	Yes	Sara Segel	Yes
Chaquita Barnett	Yes	Jenna Cramer	Yes
Ivan Usero	Yes	Arthur Balthrop	Yes
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

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**2409-05- Geothermal Support Authority Wide-** This is a professional services project submitted by Housing Authority. The prime is Frederick and Son Contracting and they are working on a niche area. The total project cost is \$433,070.00.

Erin Conley	Yes	Dr. Karen Hall	No
Jennie Sweet Cushman	Yes	Sara Segel	Yes
Chaquita Barnett	Yes	Jenna Cramer	Yes
Ivan Usero	Yes	Arthur Balthrop	Yes
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

#### Plan Approved

**2409-06-Fire Station 8-** This is a construction project submitted by Department of Public Works. The prime Caliber Contracting had representation. The plan had two MBEs at 3.8%, five WBEs at 5.3% and Veteran Owned business at 0.07% participation. The total project cost is \$9,313,850.76. The commissioners recommended the prime improve its participation and come back the following month.

Erin Conley	No	Dr. Karen Hall	No
Jennie Sweet Cushman	No	Sara Segel	No
Chaquita Barnett	No	Jenna Cramer	No
Ivan Usero	No	Arthur Balthrop	No
Tracey McCants Lewis	Absent	Angela Williams	Absent

### **Plan Tabled**

- IV.** An update on recent ITQ work order was provided.
- V.** Letters of Approval to be sent out by Office of Business Diversity.