## Inclusive Procurement and Contracting Board

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 2, 2021 **Time:** 4:30 pm **Location:** Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

- Call to Order- The IPC Board is now called to order on November 2, 2021 @ 4:30 pm
  - $\circ$  New IPC Board Member- Wilbur Boggs (TBD)
    - i. Retired, Member of 100 Black Men
- Roll Call, Breanna Allen
  - PRESENT: Keana Baylis, Kara Boyles, Larry King, Murray Miller, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Michael Morris, Jeff Rea, Bilijah Williams, Wilbur Boggs, Breanna Allen
- ABSENT: Alkeyna Aldridge
  - \*Note: Juan Hernandez has officially resigned\*
- Approval of the Minutes
  - Discussion: Board would like minutes in a packet prior to meeting for review.
  - October minutes are not uploaded on the website and will need to be added by clerk's office. The October minutes were unable to be addressed at this time.
  - Kimberly with clerk's office will be able to send out the packet of materials including the minutes.
  - Confirm item was added to August 2021 IPC Board Minutes
    - i. This is a request for board votes to be added into each month's minutes.
- Diversity Officer- Michael Patton (15 min)
  - i. Working on service and supply chain diversity
    - 1. Working beyond certification and spend analysis
    - 2. VPA and Friday night lights program supporting spending
    - 3. Analysis of 2021 spending to determine if its reoccurring or one-time spending
    - 4. Supply and diversity training

- 5. In the program plan includes reporting for departments as apart of budgetary responsibilities to determine participation in MWBE goal setting program.
- 6. Minnis Consulting has been contracted to review organizations to determine scaling of MWBE spending
- 7. Road Ahead: Department is taking a look at the following aspects: Environment, Engagement, Equity, and Impact.
- 8. What is reviewed currently: Cost, efficiency, quality, local
- ODI Volunteer- Deniz Kaya, Ph.D.
  - Recent Ph.D. Graduate from University of Notre Dame. Joined the ODI team and has been onboard for a week. Archeologist and Anthropologist by trade.
- Vendor Opportunity Fair (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021)
  - Hosted at South Bend Century Center, Diversity Office partnered with Indiana Toll Road and South Bend School Corporation.
  - Time to network among prime contractors and sub-contractors
  - 15 prime contractors attended
  - $\circ$  120+ vendors/partners participating in the event
  - Minority food vendor that provided food
  - Anticipation to host annually
  - Spend opportunity: 25 million
  - Question: Is there a list of vendors to share with private sector and others outside of public bids that could be accessed
    - Larry King will send the list of the vendors
    - Compliance Software has assisted with the data collection of vendors to be able to share out.
    - Can be posted to Office Diversity Office website for public viewing.
- Current Projects in the pipeline
  - Information has been sent to the board for review and feedback.
  - Anticipating implementing programs January 2022
  - Mentoring & Coaching for Sub- Contractors
    - Mentor Protégé program, established to support the needs of sub-contractors effectively
    - Track outcomes and goals, matchmaking prime and subcontractors, make commitments with prime and sub-contractors for an 8-week schedule
    - Follow-up, building relationships with prime contractors, annual increase in prime contractors, personal testimonies of the mentorship program, learning skills and objectives to share with others.

- Department Forecasting for the City of South Bend
- Solicit GFE (Good Faith Effort) and Communicate MWBE goals for projects with alternate bidding
  - Diversity Office, Public Works, and Legal Counsel working on resources and information to support alternate bidding among vendors.
  - Was not sure how to calculate utilization and share that with contractors
  - Using architects cost estimate method to calculate base bids by alternates
  - Forms are established to assist with flexibility and capturing of percentage
- Board of Public Works- Kara Boyles (5 min)
  - i. 9 projects in bidding/quoting phase
  - ii. An addendum will be provided to the bidder of the project
  - iii. Addendum will be released November 3, 2021
  - iv. 16 construction projects with goals
  - v. 7 more projects in progress that have been awarded or will be awarded
  - vi. 9 more projects in bidding/quoting phase that will be executed by the end of the year
  - vii. 1 project is complete and 4 are almost complete going to board with affidavits.
  - Update on MWBE contracts awarded by BPW
    - Rejected Bids
      - Southeast Center with United Way (the bidder was rejected)-Larry will follow up with an answer to why it was rejected
      - Rejected bids should be brought to the board for review
        - Include a few notes as to why the bid was rejected
    - Division 1-Kaley Street COSB 2021 improvements
      - Contracted stated they would meet a 4% goal. This particular bidder only met the 3.2%.
      - Concern about the incorrect reflection of 4% on the bidding process that was an error.
- Procurement- Michael Schmidt (5 min)
  - Update on MWBE Goods and Services contracts awarded by Procurement
    - Month of September-3.5 millions in expenditures, 4% went to MWBE businesses, \$51,000 went to minority businesses, \$102,000 for

equipment purposes and architecture (woman owned) engagements. 1.2 million in women spending. DFO is still a work in progress. \$486,000 in minority owned spending

- Old Business- (TBD)
  - Need more data in document form
  - Upcoming board meeting, Michael and Team walk the board through the transparency hub
- New Business (5 min)
- Announcements:
  - (Governor Executive Order )Emergency declaration has been extended until December 1st. The board will continue to meet remotely
- Floor open to the Public
- Adjournment- Vote (Moved by Boggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tomas Morgan)
  - Bilijah Williams, Jeff Rea, Keana Baylis, Kara Boyles, Larry King, Murray Miller, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Michael Morris, Wilbur Boggs, Breanna Allen

## **Notes and Action Items**