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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Office of Auditor General

DATE: August 15, 2025

RE: Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises Noncompetitive Small Purchase Method: Procedural Compliance Review

Overview

In January 2020, the City of New York adopted the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Noncompetitive Small Purchase Method that enables City agencies to award contracts of up to \$500,000 for goods, professional services, and standard services directly to M/WBEs, which has now been increased to \$1,500,000. In March 2024, to encourage further utilization of M/WBEs in the City's procurement processes, the Comptroller issued a Conditional Delegation and Approval (the "Delegation"), increasing the maximum value to no more than \$1,500,000 for the "self-registration" (in FMS) of these contracts awarded by the New York City Department of Education (the "DOE"), pursuant to NYC Charter § 328, as established in the DOE's Procurement Policy and Procedures § 1-07(b). The Delegation required, among other things, a compliance review of at least 10% of all M/WBE Noncompetitive Small Purchase (or "MWBE PCM") contracts awarded each quarter. The Delegation was no longer in effect as of January 1, 2025.

Although no longer obligated to do so, the DOE will continue to adhere to previous Comptroller-mandated reporting requirements as a show of good faith in furtherance of a planned re-application for authority to self-register MWBE PCM contracts.

At the behest of the Office of Supplier Diversity (OSD), the Office of Auditor General (OAG) completed the review of the M/WBE Noncompetitive small purchase method of three contracts for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Selection and Scope

OAG was provided with all M/WBE contracts registered by the NYC Comptroller's Office for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. The selected contracts included:

	Energia USA Inc	Energia USA Inc	Visionaryz, Inc.
Registration Date	04/07/2025	04/13/2025	05/06/2025
Contract Amount	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$425,880
Comptroller OCA #	1016699016	1016604200	1016812217

Approach and Methodology

OAG reviewed the documents included in the package collected prior to registration and maintained by DCP for the contracts to determine compliance with 12 attributes denoted below. The attributes were agreed upon by OSD and the Mayor's Office of Contract Services (MOCS). OAG reviewed the package of documents for compliance with the attributes described below:

Attributes

- 1) Solicitation documents including outreach to all vendors
- 2) Vendor Quotes/responses from all interested vendors
- 3) Signed and dated Determination of Award form
- 4) Final signed contract
- 5) Invoices and receiving documentation that were created within 30 days of self-registration, if available
- 6) DOE's Law Department approval
- 7) MOCS approval of subcontracting exceeding 40%, if applicable
- 8) PEP Agenda containing the self-registered contract
- 9) PASSPort Responsibility Determination, if applicable
- 10) Responsibility Statement
- 11) Evidence of the Comptroller's Courtesy Copy of Contract on file
- 12) Amendments to the contract, if available

Review Findings

Attributes	Energia USA Inc \$500,000	Energia USA Inc \$1,000,000	Visionaryz, Inc. \$425,880
Solicitation Document	Valid	Valid	Valid
Vendor Quotes/Response	Valid	Valid	Valid
Completed Determination of Award Form	Valid	Valid	Valid
Final Signed contract	Valid	Valid	Valid
Invoice and receiving documentation (If Available at time of submission)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Law Department Approval	Valid	Valid	Valid
MOCS Approval if subcontracting exceeds 40%	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
PEP Agenda	Valid	Valid	Valid

PASSPort RD for any procurement initiated in PASSPort	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Responsibility Statement	Valid	Valid	Valid
Evidence of the Comptroller's Courtesy Copy of Contract on File	Valid	Valid	Valid
Amendments	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Findings Key

Valid = The document contained all critical components

Not Applicable = The attribute was not applicable to the contract

Review Summary

Based on OAG's review, there were four attributes that were not applicable to the contract; Invoices and Receiving Documentation, PASSPort RD, MOCS Approval if Subcontracting Exceeds 40%, and Amendments. All eight attributes were in compliance ("Valid") for the contract.