

EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

August 2, 2016

AGENDA ITEM

DISCUSSION

ACTION

	Nathaniel Alston called the meeting to order.	Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.
Minutes: June 07, 2016	Nathaniel Alston called for approval of the Minutes. Roger Barnes moved that the Minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Nancy Briguglio.	Unanimously approved
Certifications: June 07, 2016 through August 02, 2016	Roger Barnes moved that the applications be approved; the motion was seconded by Steven Joss. Discussion: Steven Joss inquired about the ownership makeup of one of the firms; Melville Thomas Architects, Inc. Mahesh mentioned that he will check and share these details as provided in their certification application.	Unanimously approved
Purchasing Reports	<p>Mahesh presented the Purchasing Report which included statistics for FY 2016.</p> <p>Discussions (Purchasing Report) Various sections of the report to include: EBO participation, waivers, certification and outreach were discussed. A comparative summary of EBO participation over the past six fiscal years was also presented.</p> <p>Mr. Alston stated that the EBO participation percentage has fallen in FY 2016 as compared to the previous two fiscal years (FY 2014 and FY 2015) and was comparable to the FY 2013 participation percentage.</p> <p>Mr. Barnes mentioned that he would like to see more Howard County firms certified in the EBO Program. Steven Joss mentioned that it was nice to see that firms from outside the County and State were also getting certified in the EBO program. He added that not all Howard County firms may be interested in providing goods and services to the County.</p> <p>Mr. Barnes inquired if there were more waivers in any particular category. Mahesh mentioned that most waivers are for commodity purchases such as automobiles and equipment purchases and</p>	

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	<p>purchases such as software licenses. There are hardly any waivers for construction procurements.</p> <p>Mahesh informed the Commissioners about the next outreach event ‘Meet the Primes’ scheduled on October 19, 2016 at the MD State Fairgrounds.</p> <p>Nathaniel Alston and Nancy Briguglio shared information about an EBOC Retreat being planned.</p>	
Adjournment of Meeting at 9:35 am	<p>Motion to adjourn by Nathaniel Alston; seconded by Steven Joss.</p> <p>Next regular EBOC Meeting scheduled for November 08, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.</p>	

EBOC MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Nathaniel Alston
2. Roger Barnes
3. Nancy Briguglio
4. Steven Joss
5. Margaret Kim (conference call)
6. Jason Peay (conference call)
7. Shahan Rizvi (conference call)
8. Tajuddin Sabree (conference call)

ABSENT:

9. Barry Curtis

NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Mahesh Sabnani
2. Darla Herbold
3. Constance Tucker

ABSENT:

1. Robin Fewell