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Item:

Update on the Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program (30min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: January 4, 2021

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to receive an update on the operation of the County's Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program.

On November 28, 2016, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a new Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Ordinance which gives the County Manager or designee the authority to implement an MWBE Program Plan to establish written policies and procedures for the operation of the County's MWBE Program. This Ordinance also reaffirms the Board of County Commissioners' commitment to its policy of nondiscrimination through positive business processes and practices designed to ensure equal opportunity in all of the County's contracting opportunities.

The County has partnered with The Institute of Minority Economic Development (The Institute) to assist with the operation of its MWBE Program and to increase diverse business utilization through resources, programs, policies and events.

The MWBE Program is included in the County's Managing for Results (MFR) approach as a best practice management model used to improve efficiencies and effectiveness to address some of the County's social and economic challenges.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: To align with Goal 1 Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment by increasing minority and women business participation. Create awareness and engagement by allowing minority and women-owned businesses to learn about contracting opportunities and events of the Durham County Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.

Resource Persons: Susan Tezai, Chief Financial Officer; Angela Perry, Procurement Manager; and Keisha J. Davis, MWBE Coordinator.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receives the update on the County's MWBE Program.

County Manager: _____