

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Intergovernmental
Cooperation to Develop Incentives to
Increase Minority-Owned and Women-Owned
Business (W/MBE) Participation In Public
Contracts

RESOLUTION
93-301

WHEREAS, Multnomah County is committed to promoting diversity in all facets of community life; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County recognizes that the 1989 US Supreme Court decision, Croson v. City of Richmond, has diminished the ability of women and minorities to participate in public contracts at the local government level; and

WHEREAS, a recent W/MBE Feasibility Study showed a dramatic decline in participation in all areas of contracting for voluntary MBE goals; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has been working with other Tri-County jurisdictions to develop solutions that will help increase participation by W/MBEs in the contracting process; and

WHEREAS, The City of Portland has recently announced a "Fair Contracting and Employment Initiative"; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County believes that by cooperating with the City of Portland in its efforts, the joint goal of diversifying contract participation and increasing economic benefits for all citizens can be more readily achieved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Multnomah County will participate with the City of Portland in the Contractor's Opportunity Loan Program to be implemented in conjunction with local commercial banks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Multnomah County will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Portland to provide 8 hours per month of an FTE to work with the City on Equal

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Employment Opportunity contract certification and monitoring to better analyze diversification efforts by public contractors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Multnomah County will participate with the City of Portland in funding a MBE and WBE Disparity study to measure the extent of and identify the sources of racial and gender discrimination in the business sectors that receive public dollars through contracting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Multnomah County will contribute no more than \$50,000 during fiscal year 1993-94 without further Board action. Multnomah County's total contribution for funding a Disparity study will not exceed \$100,000. The Board directs staff to negotiate with the City of Portland and other participating jurisdictions details of scope of the Disparity study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Multnomah County will establish W/MBE participation targets for contracting that will allow the County to measure its progress in increasing W/MBE participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Purchasing Department is authorized to take such other steps as are necessary and compatible with cooperating with the City of Portland and other Tri-County jurisdictions to increase contracting opportunities for W/MBEs.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of September, 1993.
By *Beverly Stein*
Beverly Stein, Chair
Multnomah County, Oregon



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