

Notice of Specifications Changes to the Standard Documents for Construction

Capital Development Board
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Effective for projects posted for solicitation/bidding on or after ~~March 15, 2012~~ ([Extended to April 15, 2012](#))

The following changes are being made to Standard Documents for Construction (SDC) and are included in Division 1-General Requirements; Section 01 11 01 of the bid documents (Project Manual).

Within Section 01 11 01, the reference to the SDC Section 00 43 39 Minority and Female Business Enterprise Participation has changed under Item .1 to require that all MBE/FBE's must be either certified or registered with Central Management Services (CMS) as either an MBE or an FBE. For those MBE/FBE firms that are certified with an agency other than CMS, such as IDOT or Metra, the firms must be registered with CMS. Those firms are encouraged to seek CMS registration as soon as possible. The CMS registration process is not lengthy and there is no need for a firm certified with an agency other than CMS to go through the CMS certification process if CMS accepts that agency's certification designation. The MBE/FBE must be certified or registered with CMS prior to the bid date for the project. With this change, CDB will no longer publish an MBE/FBE directory on its website. Instead, CDB will utilize the CMS MBE/FBE directory exclusively and CDB will, on its website, provide a link to the CMS directory.

Also included within Section 01 11 01 are changes to SDC Section 00 43 39 Items .9 and .10 that clarify current practices: Item .9, after a bid opening, will now allow the replacement, subject to CDB approval, of a MBE/FBE subcontractor or supplier only when the MBE/FBE cannot perform the work (such as is no longer in business) or is not allowed by statute or rule to perform the work (such as is no longer certified as an MBE/FBE). Prime contractors will not be allowed to replace an MBE/FBE for convenience, such as better pricing or reorganization of scope of work that would unnecessarily eliminate an MBE/FBE from a project. Item .10 clarifies the definition of suppliers and subcontractors and what services provided are acceptable to count as credit towards fulfilling a goal.

Within Division 0-Bidding and Contract Requirements of the bid documents, the following revisions have been made to alert bidders to the CMS certification and registration requirement: Information to Bidders now has Item No. 8 which alerts bidders of the MBE/FBE requirement; the 00 41 04 form has been revised to also include the fax number and email address of the bidder; and the 00 41 05 form has been revised to also include the CMS certification and registration requirement.

Note: Projects that bid after April 15, 2012 but were posted for solicitation on the CDB Procurement Bulletin (Bid Information Newsletter, or BIN) prior to April 15, 2012 are not subjected to these changes.