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Veteran-owned businesses encouraged through new MWRD policy

In observance of the many sacrifices and contributions made by the country's brave servicemen and women, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners formally adopted a policy to increase contracting opportunities for veteran-owned and operated small business enterprises.

MWRD commissioners approved a policy that will ensure full and equitable contracting opportunities for military veterans of the United States seeking contracting opportunities with the MWRD. The new veteran-owned and operated small business enterprises policy is applicable to contracts with the MWRD that are subject to the MWRD's competitive bidding process.



Under the terms of the new policy, a successful bidder will be expected to meet a three-percent veteran-owned business enterprise (VBE) goal on contracts in which two or more eligible veteran-owned and operated small business enterprises are available to bid. This goal will be in addition to any affirmative action goals on the contract.

"A goal of three percent for veteran-owned businesses will allow the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to say more than a simple 'thank you for your service' to our veterans. Here we are providing something more than just words," said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos. "We will work hard to fulfill these goals, and I am excited to join the city, county and state in promoting veteran businesses. I strongly support this policy."

"We have a long history of hiring veterans in our workforce," said MWRD Commissioner Martin J. Durkan. "This new policy will strengthen our ties to our veteran community through our contracts and encourage veteran-owned small-business enterprises to grow and earn the opportunities they richly deserve."

For more information on the new VBE policy and performing contracts with the MWRD, contact the MWRD Diversity Section by email at MWRDDiversity@mwrdd.org or call (312) 751-5717.

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