



Adoption of Amendments to District's SBE Rules in Chapter 40E-7, F.A.C.

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Background

- **In 2005, the District was granted legislative authority to implement a program to help small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities, to participate in SFWMD's procurement and contract activities.**
- **The SBE Contracting Rules require that the District evaluate annually the progress of this program and determine whether the rules need modifying.**

Rule Timeline

- **Notice of Rule Development published (Sept 2012)**
- **Two workshops held (Sept 2012 & Feb 2013)**
- **Notice of Proposed Rule published (March 2013)**
- **Responded to JAPC comments in writing (May 2013)**
- **Notice of Change published (May 2013)**
- **Provided Notice of Change to JAPC & OFARR (May 2013)**
- **Rule adoption public hearing (July 2013)**
- **Tentative rule effective date September 2013**

Proposed Amendments to SBE Rules

- **Revise definitions**
- **Revise requirements for vendors to use SBE firms**
- **Revise process to reflect current District organization**
- **Streamline process for adding or replacing SBE subcontractors**
- **Allow increased review and response time during the certification process**
- **Allow the District to accept SBE certifications from other agencies**

SBE Participation Requirements

	Current Rules	Proposed Rules
Bids	Goals based on availability	No change
Standard Proposals (scope of work is clearly defined)	Points	Goals established based on availability of firms
Work Order Proposals (scope of work is NOT clearly defined)	Points	Goals established when the work order is issued

Staff Recommendation

Adopt amendments to Rules 40E-7.669, 40E-7.670, 40E-7.671, 40E-7.672, 40E-7.674, 40E-7.675, and 40E-7.677, F.A.C., regarding the District's procurement process as it relates to Small Business Enterprises.