

Internal M/WBE Waiver Request Form

Date: 4/30/24 Department: Solid Waste & Recycling

Contact Name: Karen Kixmiller Phone Number: 336-373-4604

Contract Name and Number (if applicable): n/a

A waiver of the M/WBE participation requirement may be requested by the **Originating Department** at least 5 business days **prior** to advertisement or solicitation. In detail below, please explain your reason for requesting a waiver (attach RFP & supporting documentation as necessary). *As the requester, your signature is required at the bottom of this page.*
Final approval of the request will be made by the City Manager's Office.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Department is requesting an M/WBE Waiver to move forward with grant funding from the NCDEQ Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service for the 2024 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant. The grant funding is for \$50,000 with a \$10,000 local match to cover the expense of Prairie Robotics hardware and software to be installed on three solid waste trucks to detect contamination for a one-year pilot project. The cost of the hardware/software is \$51,400.

Prairie Robotics is a company which provides specialized hardware and software unique to this need to address contamination. This product is a sole source product. We currently have an M/WBE Waiver for Prairie Robotics for a hand-help app.

This is a one year waiver for the purchase, installation and support of AI Powered Recycling Contamination Identification by Prairie Robotics. (7-1-2024 thru 6-30-2025) ng

Note: As the requester, your signature is required in order to process this request.

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Required Requester's Signature

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Contact Name:

Phone Number:

The M/WBE Office supports the waiver request. Please submit any comments below.

1. The extraordinary and necessary requirements of the contract render application of the Program Elements infeasible or impractical. **Please explain in detail. (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)**

2. The nature of the goods or services being procured are excluded from the scope of this Program Plan.

Please check one of the exclusions below: (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)

- Contracts that are subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program;
- Sole Source: the required supplies or services are available from one responsible source
- Contracts for electricity or water and sewage services from a municipal utility district or governmental agency;
- Emergency contracts for goods or supplies;
- Contracts for the City's lease or purchase of real property where City is lessee or purchaser; and

3. Sufficient qualified M/WBEs providing the goods or services required by the contract are unavailable in the Relevant Market area of the project despite every reasonable attempt to locate them. **Please explain in detail the reason for the request: (Attach RFP & supporting documentation as necessary)**

The M/WBE Office does not support the waiver request. Please explain in detail the reason for not supporting the request: (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)

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***REQUIRED* MWBE Signature**

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Name:

Larry Davis Digitally signed by Larry Davis
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***REQUIRED* CMO Office Signature**

The CMO Office approves the waiver request

The CMO Office does not approve the waiver request.

Date: