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On Monday, May 11th, 2009, the MSD Board approved a recommendation to enrich MSD's DiverseWorks program for minority and woman-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBEs). These initiatives comprise of a name change to **MSD Supplier Diversity** for better industry recognition, acceptance of national and federal MBE/WBE certifications and an enhanced process for diversity inclusion in MSD's multi-million dollar procurement programs.

Effective immediately, MSD staff will begin the process of recognizing MBE/WBE certifications from the following certifying organizations:

- NMSDC (National Minority Supplier Development Council)
- NWBOC (National Women Business Owners Corporation)
- WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council)
- U.S. SBA (U.S. Small Business Administration's 8a Certification)

These certifying organizations, with similar review processes, will replace MSD's certification process. MBE/WBE businesses will no longer be required to go through an additional certification process. Instead, each company will have the flexibility to choose a national and/or federal certifying organization, as outlined above. Prime Contractors and Consultants may access MSD's Contractor Compliance Program and Required Documents at <http://www.msdlouky.org/insidemsd/diverse/index.html>.

MSD is excited to be able to take a long-standing, successful local supplier diversity initiative to the next level, opening doors of opportunity to MBE/WBEs within our community, the region and the nation. We will be communicating more details about these exciting enhancements, and the transition to a nation-wide certification process.

Joy L. Walker, MSD's Supplier Diversity Administrator, is the primary point of contact for these exciting changes. She may be reached at 502/540-6503 for related questions and technical assistance!



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National and Federal Certification Organizations

<p>National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)- Headquarters 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 2nd Floor New York, New York, 10018 212-944-2430 Fax: 212-719-9611 Website: www.nmsdcus.org</p> <p>Contact Person- Mr. Shariff Harris</p> <p>Kentucky Office:</p> <p>Tri State Minority Supplier Development Council (formerly KMBC) 614 W. Main Street, Suite 5500 Louisville, KY 40202 502-625-0137 Contact Person – Sonya Brown</p> <p>Certify MBE only</p>	<p>Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) - Headquarters 1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036 202-872-5515 Fax: 202-872-5505 Website: www.wbenc.org</p> <p>Contact Person: Linda Jennings</p> <p>Regional Office:</p> <p>Ohio River Valley Women's Business Council (ORVWBC) 3458 Reading Road Cincinnati, Ohio, 45229 513- 487-6534 Contact Person – Heather Burton Website: www.orvwbc.org</p> <p>Certify WBE Only</p>
<p>National Women Business Owners Corporation (WBOC)- Headquarters 1001 West Jasmine Drive, Suite G Lake Park, FL 33403 561-848-5066; Fax: 561-881-7364 Web site: www.nwboc.org</p> <p>Contact Person - Janet Harris-Lange</p> <p>Certify WBE Only</p>	<p>Small Business Administration 600 Martin Luther King Jr. Place, Rm 188 Louisville, KY 40202 502-582-5971</p> <p>Contact Person – Robert Coffey</p> <p>8 (a) Certification</p>