



Office of the Mayor
City of Columbus
Ohio

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020-03

By: **ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR**
Small, Minority and Women Owned Business Assistance
City of Columbus, Ohio

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew Ginther, Mayor of the City of Columbus, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Ohio Constitution, the Charter of the City of Columbus, and Sections 123.01 and 123.02 of the Columbus City Code, do hereby order and direct:

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2. The streamlining of payment procedures for prime contractors and subcontractors in order to enhance the ability of certified M/WBE businesses to have the necessary liquidity to maintain operations.
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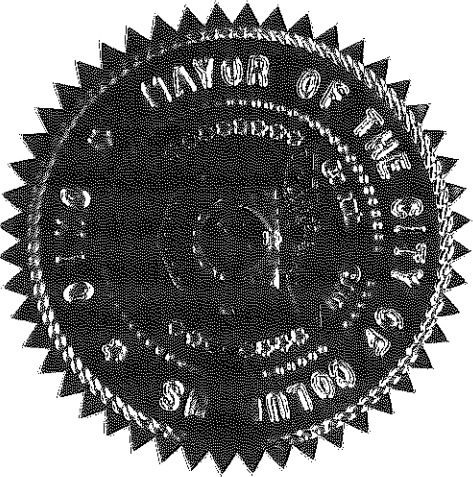
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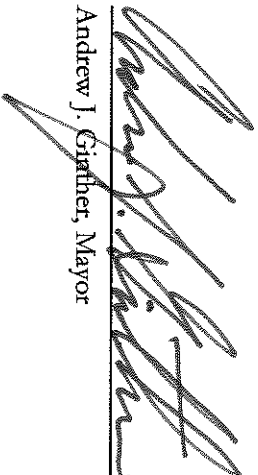
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4. The development of standards to unbundle large procurements into smaller contracts identifying the appropriate trades for unbundling and developing size limitations for smaller projects.
5. The implementation of an Owner-controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) to consolidate the risk and management costs and reduce the burden of the insurance premium for M/WBE's and small businesses.
6. The waiver of bonding requirements for contracts under \$50,000.00. Such a small contracts bond waiver provision could serve as a significant incentive for small businesses to bid on City projects, creating more opportunities for small, and M/WBE's.
7. The implementation of a Sheltered Market Program across all industries to maximize the award of contracts in accordance with the thresholds as set forth in the Disparity Study.

This order shall be in full force and effect after my signature is affixed to this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this 6th day of May, 2020.




Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor