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Background

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act (the Act) was signed into law in 2014. In 2023 the legislation was moved to Article 3 of the Veterans' Services Law. The Act establishes a highest in the nation 6% participation goal for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses (SDVOBs) on state contracts. As a part of the Act, the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (the Division) was created within the Office of General Services (OGS). The Division monitors the activities of agencies and authorities, develops statewide annual reporting and, most importantly, assists SDVOBs in becoming certified and positioned to do business through State contracts. To date, the Division has recorded payments to SDVOBs in excess of \$1.76 billion.

Certification

The SDVOB certification rate continues to grow at a nation-leading pace. At year end, New York State now has 1,401 certified SDVOBs, an increase of 9.0% over 2024. The Division continues to perform its due diligence on applications in a timely manner with an average of 39 business days from receipt of an application to the rendering of a decision by the Executive Director. In 2025, the Division received 407 applications for certification yielding 215 new certifications. 52 (12.8%) applications remain in process and 140 (34.4%) have been denied or withdrawn for various reasons.

Since the inception of the SDVOB program (the Program) in 2014, the Division has received 2,534 applications with 504 (19.9%) being denied or withdrawn. Of the remaining 2,030 applications, 179 (8.8%) certifications have been revoked due to buy-outs, retirement, mergers, business dissolution, or non-compliance, 398 (19.6%) have had their certification lapse due to failure to recertify, and 52 (2.6%) are in the process of certification, resulting in 1,401 (69.0%) SDVOBs in active certification status. There has been one appeal, which was subsequently withdrawn.

Recertification

SDVOB certifications are valid for five years. In 2024, the Division began recertifying SDVOBs that had been active in the Program for 10 years for the second time. Of the 188 SDVOBs eligible for initial recertification in 2025, 53 (28.2%) have recertified, 14 (7.4%) have recertification applications in process, 47 (25.0%) are pending submission of the recertification application, 12 (6.4%) have had their certifications revoked due to buy-outs, retirement, mergers, business dissolution, or non-compliance, and 62 (33.0%) have had their certification lapse due to failure to recertify. Of the 81 SDVOBs eligible for their second recertification in 2025, 52 (64.2%) have recertified, 3 (3.7%) have recertification applications in process, 5 (6.2%) are pending submission of the recertification application, 5 (6.2%) have had their certifications revoked due to buy-outs, retirement, mergers, business dissolution, or non-compliance, and 16 (19.8%) have had their certification lapse due to failure to recertify.

SDVOB Act Impact

The NYS SDVOB Program has become widely known as the premier SDVOB program in the United States for its positive impact on the state and national veteran community. With the nation-leading 6% SDVOB goal and the widespread usage of SDVOBs by agencies, authorities, prime contractors and others, the Act not only benefits the service-disabled veteran business owners, but also has a significant impact on other veterans since SDVOBs typically look to hire veterans and give back to veteran initiatives.

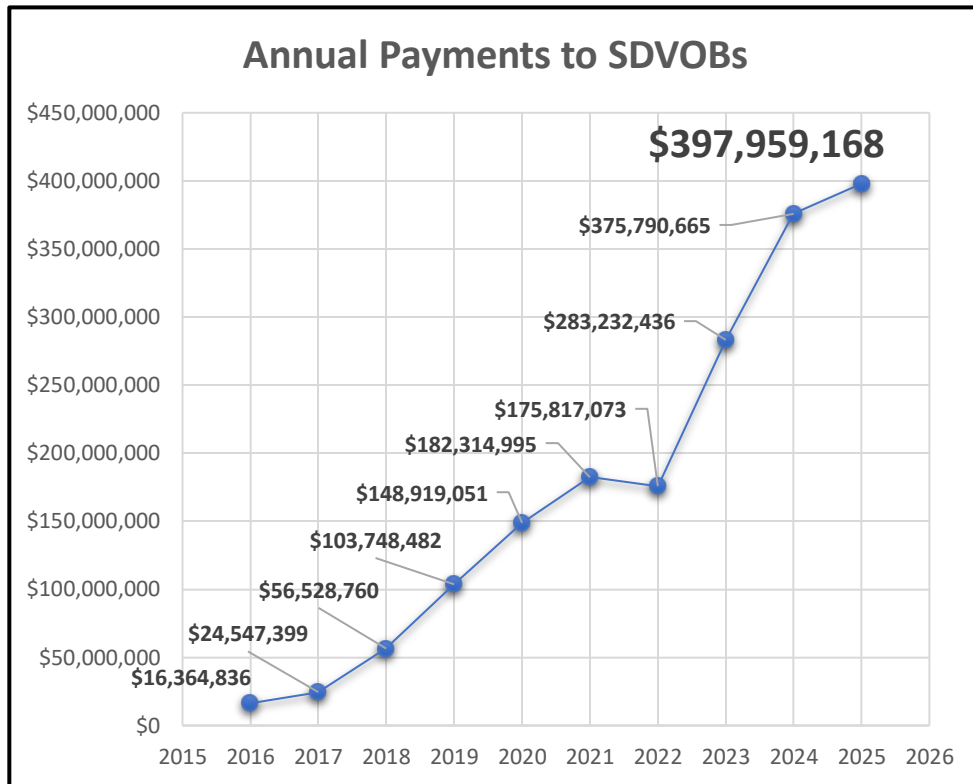
Outreach

The Division continued speaking at and participating in in-person and virtual events seeking qualified businesses to apply for SDVOB status and promoting the use of SDVOBs by agencies and authorities and NYS prime contractors. In addition to email and phone assistance given to agency, authority and

prime contractor personnel, the Division hosts virtual and in-person meetings to address specific topics relating to the usage of SDVOBs on contracts. 2025 culminated with the annual major SDVOB event, Veterans in Economic Transition Conference (VETCON), held in Albany on December 2nd and 3rd. Over 600 were in attendance including SDVOBs, agency and authority representatives, prime contractors, and veteran support organizations. Highlights of VETCON included sessions on how SDVOBs can participate in major projects such as Micron and Wadsworth Labs plus sessions on best practices for obtaining and delivering on contracts with the State.

Statewide Utilization

Disbursements to SDVOBs for the 12 months from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 totaled \$397,959,168, which was a 5.9% increase over the prior year. Of the 97 Agencies and Authorities, 38.1% met or exceeded the 6% goal and another 9.2% exceeded 5%.



Total Awards	5,265
Total Value of the Awards	\$460,314,626
Average Value of Award	\$87,429
Total Disbursements to SDVOBs	\$397,959,168

Agency/Authority	SDVOB Utilization \$	SDVOB Utilization %
Adirondack Park Agency (APA)	11,647	27.2%
Agriculture & NYS Horse-Breeding Development Fund ()	0	0.0%
Albany County Airport Authority (ACAA)	196,933	1.2%
Albany Port District Commission	129,217	30.7%
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board a/k/a State Liquor Authority (SLA)	4,591	100.0%
Battery Park City Authority (BPCA)	5,628,832	2.3%
Board of Elections (BOE)	196,718	5.1%
Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (BFSA)	1,292	36.6%
Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)	573,152	4.2%
Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA)	0	0.0%
Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)	240,705	6.6%
City University Construction Fund (CUCF)	3,663,316	5.3%
City University of New York (CUNY)	5,135,885	3.8%
Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG)	6,630	100.0%
Council on the Arts (NYSCA)	0	0.0%
Department of Agriculture & Markets	201,270	2.6%
Department of Civil Service	31,311	0.7%
Department of Corrections & Community Supervision (DOCCS)	8,482,015	19.8%
Department of Economic Development (DED)	0	0.0%
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)	781,373	0.5%
Department of Financial Services (DFS)	1,217,391	56.1%
Department of Health (DOH)	6,477,644	5.1%
Department of Labor (DOL)	17,166,500	51.6%
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	969,360	33.5%
Department of Public Service (DPS)	50,250	4.0%
Department of State (DOS)	6,523,572	29.7%
Department of Taxation & Finance	16,804	6.5%
Department of Transportation (DOT)	19,699,435	5.2%
Department of Veterans' Services (DVS)	21,455	22.8%
Development Authority of the North Country	92,207	0.7%
Division of Budget (DOB)	19,689	28.4%
Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)	11,567	54.1%
Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)	350,724	5.1%
Division of Human Rights (DHR)	12,825	1.7%
Division of Military & Naval Affairs (DMNA)	267,445	11.0%
Division of State Police (NYSP)	1,819,555	47.7%
Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)	19,322,299	2.8%
Empire Center at the Egg (The Egg)	0	0.0%
Empire State Development (ESD)	19,476,628	4.6%

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)	10,557,890	13.1%
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority	0	0.0%
Erie County Medical Center (ECMC)	394,731	16.2%
Executive Chamber	24,694	100.0%
Gaming Commission	778,225	10.3%
Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)	0	0.0%
Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT)	921,176	5.1%
Hudson River-Black River Regulating District	2,771	2.0%
Information Technology Services (ITS)	39,817,664	57.3%
Jacob Javits Convention Center	75,393	0.6%
Justice Center for the Protection of Persons with Special Needs (The JC)	94,867	4.0%
Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority (LCWSA)	0	0.0%
Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)	7,812,645	8.2%
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)	65,819,363	5.5%
Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (NIFA)	0	0.0%
Nassau Health Care Corp. (NHCC)	0	0.0%
Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)	0	0.0%
New York Power Authority (NYPA)	16,379,449	2.5%
New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA)	200,419	3.8%
New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA)	1,171,423	5.2%
New York State Homes & Community Renewal - DHCR, HTFC (DHCR)	13,772,132	11.8%
New York State Homes & Community Renewal - HFA, AHC, SONYMA, MBBA, TSFC (HFA)	34,195,595	6.2%
New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF)	4,366,913	20.4%
New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Corporation (NYSTBDF)	4,444	5.3%
New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA)	5,347,697	3.1%
Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB)	0	0.0%
Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)	3,503,929	7.3%
Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)	1,176,283	3.0%
Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)	0	0.0%
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV)	0	0.0%
Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)	389,261	11.8%
Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS)	1,749,905	4.8%
Office of Employee Relations (OER)	0	0.0%
Office of General Services (OGS)	29,230,213	7.8%
Office of Mental Health (OMH)	6,843,155	0.2%
Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation (Parks)	3,778,317	2.1%
Office of Resilient Homes and Communities (RHC)	21,147	0.6%
Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA)	5,065,167	7.5%
Office of the Inspector General & Welfare Inspector General (OIG)	19,327	33.3%
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)	60,938	12.3%
Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)	231,350	1.0%

Office of Victim Services (OVS)	7,185	3.6%
Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority	0	0.0%
Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA)	450,095	2.2%
Port of Oswego Authority (POA)	2,951	8.8%
Public Employment Relations Board (PERB)	3,830	8.9%
Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)	642,761	25.4%
Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC)	0	0.0%
Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI)	2,469,992	21.1%
Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority (SMDA)	0	0.0%
State Commission of Correction (SCOC)	0	0.0%
State University Construction Fund (SUCF)	7,939,888	2.0%
State University of New York (SUNY)	9,947,070	1.3%
Syracuse Regional Airport Authority (SRAA)	240,456	2.2%
United Nations Development Corporation (UNDC)	315,780	1.1%
Upper Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA)	0	0.0%
Westchester County Health Care Corporation (WCHCC)	2,859,221	16.9%
Workers Compensation Board (WCB)	473,219	3.9%

Agency/Authority Efforts to Promote SDVOB Utilization

Adirondack Park Agency (APA)

The APA has regulatory responsibility to cover the 6.2 million-acre Adirondack Park under the APA Act and Freshwater Wetlands Act. The APA plans to meet its FY2025-26 SDVOB Goal Plan of 6% in FY2025-26 Q3 with the procurement of supplies. The APA educates its procurement/purchasing personnel by having monthly discussions on updates to SDVOB legislation and requirements. The APA reviews the SDVOB directory on a regular basis to determine if any new listings can provide needed services or commodities. The APA reviews all purchases to determine if the item(s) can be purchased from an SDVOB and then reviews the cost analysis. The APA has very few contracts and relies on discretionary purchasing to meet the 6% SDVOB utilization.

Agriculture & NYS Horse-Breeding Development Fund

The Fund is a small public benefit corporation with a limited discretionary budget. However, The Fund has continued making strides in reaching the utilization plan's goal of 6%. The Fund has continued to use the services of an SDVOB vendor for advertising and marketing. The Fund will continue to seek SDVOB vendors for any projects or services it may need in the future. However, much of its discretionary spending is for trade-specific purchases which are not available from SDVOB vendors. The Fund has attended VETCON in the past to find more opportunities to utilize SDVOB vendors.

Albany County Airport Authority (ACAA)

The ACAA helps certified SDVOBs identify procurement opportunities and understand procurement processes, policies and procedures by soliciting certified SDVOBs for Airport projects. The ACAA seeks to increase the pool of SDVOBs by encouraging uncertified firms to get certified by providing the pertinent information and documents required to start the certification process. The ACAA attends VETCON to promote business opportunities at the Airport. The ACAA ensures that prime contractors report payments to subcontractors and that they make good faith efforts to meet the utilization goals established for a contract. Assistance to prime contractors includes providing them with lists of certified SDVOBs able to perform work that falls within the scope of a contract.

Albany Port District Commission

In the last four quarters, the Port has achieved SDVOB utilization in excess of 30%. The FY 2025-26 Master SDVOB Goal Plan calls for utilizing at least 6% SDVOB utilization. All staff are educated regarding SDVOB requirements at regular meetings. Port staff attends VETCON to inform SDVOBs about upcoming opportunities. The Port puts SDVOB language in all procurement documents. Prior to the bidding of contracts, staff reviews the SDVOB directory and highlights the SDVOB focus with consultants to determine SDVOB goals. The Port monitors prime contractors to ensure that they comply with the reporting requirements and that they make good faith efforts to meet the utilization goals established under the contracts.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board a/k/a State Liquor Authority (SLA)

The SLA is hosted by OGS for finance and contracting. Many commodities and services used by the SLA are acquired through centralized contracts. Other spending is made using purchase orders and P-cards. The SLA has consistently sought to identify opportunities for SDVOBs. The agency will continue to evaluate its purchasing needs and to seek opportunities to purchase from SDVOB vendors. The SLA remains committed to making a good-faith effort to increase SDVOB participation and to utilizing certified vendors for discretionary spending, where feasible, to reach SDVOB goals.

Battery Park City Authority (BPCA)

BPCA remains firmly committed to increasing SDVOB participation. Its Diversity, Procurement, and Design & Construction teams actively engage SDVOBs across resiliency, design, engineering, consulting, and legal services, encouraging them to bid as prime contractors. As a result, BPCA's average quarterly SDVOB spending rose from \$867,000 in FY 2023-24 to \$1.3 million in FY 2024-25. Moreover, BPCA's South and North/West Resiliency Projects have awarded \$3.5 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, to SDVOBs, with additional awards expected. BPCA also increases utilization through discretionary spending, participation in events such as VETCON, and internal diversity training to strengthen staff awareness. Through these efforts, BPCA anticipates continued SDVOB growth in FY 2025-26 and beyond.

Board of Elections (BOE)

The BOE understands the importance of the SDVOB program and the opportunity it presents to SDVOB businesses. After the review of certified SDVOBs, the Board has identified the following areas of possible utilization: Office Furniture/Supplies/Equipment, IT Resellers and Advertising, and Printing & Marketing Services. As part of the BOE's day-to-day activities, their administrative office intends to regularly identify SDVOB resources from the SDVOB Directory and have an ongoing dialogue with OGS staff, as necessary. The BOE intends to actively solicit SDVOB vendors by diligently reviewing all possibilities on centralized contracts, where available, and actively solicit SDVOB vendors for all open, competitive bid opportunities. The BOE will encourage P-card holders to utilize SDVOB firms by reviewing statements to identify areas where utilization could be improved.

Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority (BFSA)

The BFSA carefully reviews all eligible procurements to identify SDVOBs that may be utilized. The majority of BFSA's procurements are related to office supplies. To meet the overall goal, a cost-analysis is conducted over purchases with outreach to identified SDVOBs to ensure BFSA's spending is cost-effective and utilizes SDVOBs where available and appropriate. The SDVOB directory is utilized to identify SDVOBs to meet BFSA's procurement needs. The BFSA remains committed to working with the Division and to pursuing procurement opportunities with SDVOBs to meet, and exceed, this important participation goal.

Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA)

CDTA currently has over 4% utilization toward the 6% mandate. Subcontracting opportunities have been sought through connections made at VETCON. CDTA already works with several SDVOB contractors and is actively seeking additional ones. Staff will be participating in GovBuy and VETCON

again this year with tables at both events to offer technical assistance as required to make CDTA contracts accessible to SDVOBs.

Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority (CCWSA)

The CCWSA has no current projects that would meet the SDVOB utilization requirement. The CCWSA is aware of its underutilization of SDVOBs to date and will continue its initiative to utilize SDVOBs wherever possible. Currently CCWSA does not have any contracts or projects. CCWSA is in the process of moving forward with several projects and will utilize all means necessary to ensure SDVOB subcontracting goals are applied and met by prime contractors.

Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)

Over the last four quarters, CNYRTA was able to attain the NYS SDVOB goal of 6%, reaching a total of 6.6%. Significant fluctuation of utilization occurs over the year due to the nature of the services necessary to support CNYRTA's operations; however, the relationships CNYRTA has cultivated with several certified SDVOBs remain strong. In an effort to continue to create new relationships with certified SDVOBs, the procurement department continues to utilize the SDVOB directory on a daily basis to solicit SDVOBs as opportunities arise for small and large projects alike.

City University Construction Fund (CUCF)

CUCF remains committed to increasing SDVOB participation in its procurements. All solicitations issued by CUCF will include SDVOB goals of up to 6%, where applicable. Further, CUCF has begun using its discretionary authority by targeting SDVOBs in its outreach for administrative purchases. CUCF also conducts SDVOB-focused email outreach for new solicitations. CUCF promotes and maintains its website www.cuny.edu/cunybuilds, where firms can register to receive future CUCF solicitations, find current contracting opportunities, and contact information for partnering opportunities. CUCF participates in numerous diversity events throughout the year and co-hosts its annual MWBE & SDVOB Conference with CUNY.

City University of New York (CUNY)

CUNY has established system-wide SDVOB guidance, reemphasized SDVOB requirements during its monthly administrative meetings, participated in outreach activities, and continues to track SDVOB utilization system-wide. Procurement teams are strongly encouraged to exercise their informal (discretionary) purchasing authority and consider SDVOB set asides. All procurements that meet the threshold for SDVOB participation goals are reviewed and monitored by the Supplier Diversity Team. The Supplier Diversity Team also conducts SDVOB-focused email outreach for specific solicitations to further encourage the vendor community to respond to CUNY opportunities. CUNY participates in more than 30 supplier diversity events and hosts an annual supplier diversity conference to encourage SDVOB firms to meet and develop business connections with CUNY's 25 colleges.

Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG)

COELIG's mission is to rebuild public trust and confidence in government, ensure compliance with the state's ethics and lobbying laws and regulations, and promote transparency through disclosure. COELIG's procurement spending mainly involves commodities such as supplies, software and hardware, office equipment, and furniture. The administration staff has been trained and continues to receive training in all procurement activities and is aware of the SDVOB goals assigned to the agency. COELIG meets the required 6% utilization by evaluating all procurement opportunities for commodities from SDVOB participants whenever feasible. As new procurement opportunities arise, the agency will keep making every effort to involve them accordingly.

Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

NYSCA has limited discretionary operational funding. Much of the NYSCA budget is allocated to salaries, rent, and utilities. The remaining allocation supports travel, supplies, and equipment. Due to NYSCA's small size, its budget and its mission, there are very few opportunities for agency contracting. Most of NYSCA's procurement is done through discretionary purchasing. All state procurement

guidelines and regulations are followed and, when necessary, the Contract Reporter is utilized. NYSCA's procurement and purchasing personnel have reviewed SDVOB legislation and regulations.

Department of Agriculture & Markets

The Department's general approach to SDVOB inclusion is regular monitoring of potential contractual and discretionary spending for opportunities to utilize SDVOB providers. While SDVOB contract opportunities are limited due to the nature of the Department's mission, the standard SDVOB language is included in procurement and contract documents to ensure that even when no SDVOB goal is present that there is a reference to the program to aid in sight recognition for entities doing business with the Department. The Department also uses Analyze NY to run quarterly reports to ensure that it utilizes any available credit for work performed by OGS on behalf of the Department. The Department achieved an SDVOB utilization percentage of 10.75% in FY 2025-26 Q1. The Department will continue to use SDVOB vendors and reach its 6% goal. The Department also continues to attend the annual VETCON to meet with potential entities to identify opportunities for more SDVOB utilization.

Department of Civil Service

Discretionary purchases have historically offered the greatest opportunity for the Department to achieve its SDVOB goals. When commodities or services are not available from a Preferred Source, purchasing staff performs a thorough review of centralized contracts and the SDVOB directory to identify potential vendors. The Department aims to purchase office supplies and equipment from SDVOB vendors on centralized contracts and have successfully been increasing purchases each quarter. In addition, this year, the Department is in the process of procuring an applicant management system through an SDVOB set-aside contract. This procurement is valued at \$44 million over 5 years, which will help us reach the Department's goal for the remainder of this year and the next 4 fiscal years.

Department of Corrections & Community Supervision (DOCCS)

DOCCS is committed to increasing opportunities for SDVOB vendors. SDVOBs are utilized for a variety of procurements including discretionary purchases and minor rehab projects. DOCCS connects with SDVOBs by attending events like VETCON to promote opportunities suitable to the vendor's line of business. DOCCS encourages facilities to maximize SDVOB inclusion on projects and commodity procurements. DOCCS employs an MWBE/SDVOB Team to promote utilization and ensure facility staff receive updates to the SDVOB directory and assist in finding SDVOBs to meet their needs. The DOCCS Contract Procurement Unit works with the MWBE/SDVOB Team to find suitable SDVOBs from the directory and determine utilization goals for each applicable opportunity. DOCCS continues to surpass SDVOB goal requirements and remains committed to uphold those standards.

Department of Economic Development (DED)

DED has internal guidance for all staff on the purchasing, RFP and contract management process. Within this guidance, program staff are instructed to contact ESD's Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity (OCSD) for a determination of SDVOB goals, if applicable, on procurements. Program staff also need to be familiar with the OGS Business Services Center's purchasing oversight guidance, which includes information on the consideration of SDVOBs for different procurement types. ESD attends VETCON to meet SDVOBs and identify potential firms for future opportunities. OCSD created a policies and procedures manual that includes establishing goals, contract management and maximizing utilization. DED will continue to focus on discretionary opportunities for SDVOBs where possible and will host internal agencywide trainings to increase utilization.

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

The SDVOB Program, housed within DEC's Procurement Bureau, integrates participation goals early in the procurement process. DEC sets a 6% SDVOB participation goal on state contracts. Compliance staff review procurements regularly, establish contract goals using the SDVOB directory, and directly solicit SDVOBs to increase participation as prime contractors. Staff regularly engage the SDVOB community to enhance outreach, advertising, and goal setting, resulting in annual growth in subcontracting participation. DEC has updated its internal and external SDVOB websites, improved

goal-tracking procedures, and expanded training on best practices. These efforts have strengthened internal compliance and increased proactive engagement with certified firms. While challenges remain in instituting set-aside procurements, DEC continues to implement new tools and processes to strengthen performance toward achieving the 6% SDVOB participation goal.

Department of Financial Services (DFS)

DFS is consistently achieving a utilization above the 6% goal by having procurement staff conduct SDVOB directory searches to identify vendors for competitive SDVOB set-aside procurements. When setting goals on large contracts, a search provides outreach to a broader range of SDVOBs to be notified of the subcontracting opportunity. DFS utilizes discretionary authority to procure directly from SDVOBs when qualified vendors are available to meet the agency needs. DFS participates in training and outreach events as a way to strengthen the DFS program. Additionally, DFS is conducting a review of monitoring and reporting procedures to ensure utilization is being captured accurately.

Department of Health (DOH)

DOH sets a 6% SDVOB goal on Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program capital projects and reviews the SDVOB directory for discretionary purchasing opportunities. DOH meets with capital awardees to discuss SDVOB language, assist with the SDVOB directory, and pursue SDVOB spending opportunities. DOH reviews submitted SDVOB utilization plans and waivers to monitor good faith efforts under capital projects, maximizing utilization, and enforcing compliance. This year, with the dedicated staff added to the unit for SDVOB-related activities, DOH was able to have an increased focus on reporting efforts and efficiencies.

Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL has substantially exceeded 6% SDVOB utilization over the last two years. DOL has achieved a 48% SDVOB utilization goal over the past four quarters with over \$20 million in SDVOB utilization. DOL attributes its successful utilization to routinely soliciting SDVOBs for discretionary purchases. The SDVOB Administrator advises procurement and contract staff of updates to the SDVOB directory and SDVOBs on centralized contracts. The SDVOB Administrator provides training to program area staff and works with them to identify procurement opportunities for SDVOBs. DOL participates in forums to identify SDVOBs that can provide goods and services to the department. DOL will continue to implement policies and procedures to ensure that certified SDVOBs have opportunity for maximum feasible participation in the performance of DOL contracts.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

Throughout 2025, DMV continues to promote the utilization of SDVOBs on state contracts and discretionary set-aside purchases. DMV ensures that the SDVOB standardized solicitation and contract language are incorporated in each procurement. Procurement staff routinely search the list of certified SDVOBs to evaluate potential purchase opportunities to be made directly with an SDVOB. To keep DMV apprised of any changes or updates to the SDVOB Program, DMV attends all SDVOB trainings and will attend the upcoming VETCON 2025 to network with prospective SDVOBs. Due to its ongoing efforts, DMV has been successful in maintaining its utilization of SDVOBs.

Department of Public Service (DPS)

DPS is making strides toward its SDVOB utilization goal of 6%. DPS has continued outreach efforts to secure contracts with SDVOB vendors by advertising open competitive procurement opportunities in the Contract Reporter and on DPS's website, with the expectation that this will generate more competition and increase the likelihood of SDVOB participation. DPS's procurement staff are aware of all SDVOB regulations and guidelines and attend training when available. DPS reaches out to the Division, as needed, for assistance in connecting with SDVOBs.

Department of State (DOS)

DOS is pleased to report that it secured an average of 20.71% SDVOB utilization over the last four quarters. This can primarily be attributed to utilization achieved through its grantees as DOS

continuously includes language in procurement/contract documents and disseminates information to the grantees to encourage the use of certified SDVOBs. Despite its limited discretionary spending and the available SDVOB vendor pool, which does not often match the types of commodities/services needed, DOS intends to continue creating opportunities for SDVOB participation to the maximum extent possible through staff training, set-aside procurements and review of SDVOB vendors in the purchasing of commodities that are not offered by Preferred Sources.

Department of Taxation & Finance

Procurement staff routinely utilize several techniques as part of the Department's strategy to maximize SDVOB utilization. SDVOB language is included in Department contracts and solicitations. Per the Department's procedure, the Department will identify SDVOB resources from the SDVOB directory and have ongoing dialogue with Division staff, as necessary. The Department utilizes statutory discretionary buying as well as set-asides when applicable and continually encourages Department P-Card holders to utilize SDVOB firms. The Department will attend the 2025 VETCON to meet potential SDVOB firms, publishes any bid opportunities of \$50,000 or greater in the Contract Reporter, and publishes projected procurements of \$5,000 to \$50,000 quarterly.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

The actions taken to achieve the required 6% SDVOB utilization includes outreach, completing goal assessments prior to advertising, identifying SDVOB vendors who can perform the work items on the contract, seeking additional SDVOB participation during post award when additional work items are added to the contract, tracking payments to SDVOB vendors in EBO (subcontractors), and SFS (prime contractors), and training staff on how to solicit SDVOB vendors for projects. The Office of Diversity evaluates contract goal commitments, including good faith effort analysis. DOT's SDVOB goal guidance is 6%. DOT reports waivers and good faith efforts on its public website.

Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

DVS promotes New York State's SDVOB goal at outreach events across the state. Given that DVS's target audience is veterans, including veteran business owners, its public-centered programs provide a golden opportunity to increase awareness of the SDVOB certification process and the state's desire to contract with SDVOBs for goods and services. DVS also promotes the state's SDVOB opportunities on its social media platforms. DVS's own contracting opportunities with SDVOBs are limited. Most of DVS's largest purchases are exempt. DVS will strive to meet the 6% SDVOB goal in the upcoming fiscal year, primarily through purchases of promotional items to use at the agency's outreach events.

Development Authority of the North Country

The Authority continues to look for opportunities to meet and exceed the 6% SDVOB goal on procurements. The Authority's total utilization for FY 2024-25 was 1.32 %. While this fell below the Authority's 4% goal, the Authority continued to promote the use of SDVOBs utilizing the following procurement methods: use of SDVOBs as diversity suppliers on direct purchases, encouraging SDVOBs to sign up on the Authority's website portal to receive email notifications when new IFB and RFP opportunities are posted, setting SDVOB participation goals on IFBs and RFPs where applicable, and direct solicitation of qualified SDVOBs when IFBs and RFPs are released.

Division of Budget (DOB)

DOB's goal is to purchase services and commodities from SDVOBs as much as practicable based on the established statewide procurement guidelines. DOB evaluates all service and commodity procurements to gauge whether they are suited for subcontracting goals, set asides, or direct purchase from certified SDVOBs. In addition, DOB continuously monitors the SDVOB directory to identify areas where purchases could be made from an SDVOB vendor. DOB will continue to discuss opportunities with the SDVOB Division staff, as well. DOB's procurement staff are aware of all SDVOB regulations and guidelines and will continue to evaluate all procurements for SDVOB utilization.

Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

As an annual average, DCJS is on track to meet or exceed the 6% goal. DCJS' total disbursements to SDVOB vendors for the previous quarters are FY 2025-26 Q2 5.485%, FY 2025-26 Q1 51.812%, FY 2024-25 Q4 57.021% and FY 2024-25 Q3 82.336%. Per the DCJS annual Goal Plan, DCJS includes SDVOB language in solicitations and contracts and ensures that informative communications pertaining to SDVOB are sent to program areas. DCJS includes an SDVOB segment to the agency as part of its "Procurement 101" training and has uploaded SDVOB information to the DCJS Intranet. DCJS Procurement promotes the use of SDVOB vendor utilization when there is an opportunity for an SDVOB to provide needed commodities/services.

Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (DHSES)

DHSES reviews all purchases for SDVOB opportunities. This process involves the agency's Finance Unit seeking opportunities when available throughout the purchasing workflow. DHSES utilizes SDVOB vendors and resellers and will focus efforts to improve its utilization moving forward as DHSES continues to network with various vendors and resellers. Over the last four fiscal quarters, DHSES had utilization percentages of 2.2% for FY 2024-25 Q3, 1.5% for FY 2024-25 Q4, 10.1% for FY 2025-26 Q1, and 17.2% for FY 2025-26 Q2. DHSES is prioritizing identifying vendors who will provide consistent, recurring utilization, which will lead to these increased utilization numbers moving forward. DHSES Finance remains optimistic about its SDVOB utilization moving forward into the future.

Division of Human Rights (DHR)

DHR proactively reviews the SDVOB directory prior to every discretionary purchase but encounters challenges because of the limited number of SDVOBs able to provide the specific goods and services DHR needs. DHR does maintain an internal list of SDVOBs that operate within industries in which it does transact business, and, for relevant procurements, SDVOBs will be utilized exclusively. DHR will continue to review the SDVOB directory for similar relationships. On an ongoing basis, DHR conducts reviews of its SDVOB utilization together with current market pricing.

Division of Military & Naval Affairs (DMNA)

DMNA's SDVOB utilization for the two most recent quarters was greater than 6%. This is attributed to directing programs to utilize SDVOB vendors for annual purchases. To ensure the SDVOB utilization rate continues to be met, DMNA conducts training each January. During this training, a demonstration is provided on how to locate SDVOBs using the SDVOB directory. Staff are encouraged to seek and refer potential SDVOBs to the appropriate points of contact for certification. DMNA continues to monitor all procurement requisitions, reviewing individual requests to ensure that SDVOBs have been considered. DMNA's Fiscal Policy Memorandum P-008C, updated September 22, 2023, includes specific steps that need to be taken to meet the quarterly utilization rate.

Division of State Police (NYSP)

NYSP has developed purchasing guidelines that are distributed to all employees that are involved in purchasing and/or contracting. Specific instructions regarding the identification, solicitation, and use of SDVOB vendors are included in this document. NYSP utilizes the SDVOB directory, centralized contract listings and information on file to identify SDVOB vendors for purchases and goal setting. Bids received from SDVOB vendors, and all promotional materials, are kept on file electronically and are added to current or future bidder lists as appropriate. This file is reviewed by purchasing staff to ensure familiarity with vendors that provide required goods and/or services. Correspondence or other marketing contacts received from businesses are reviewed and the information is added to NYSP files for future reference. In addition, NYSP participates in VETCON.

Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)

DASNY remains committed to identifying, notifying, educating, and supporting SDVOBs. DASNY engaged SDVOBs for prime and subcontracting opportunities in construction, construction-related professional services, internet technology, operations, and commodities/services. Outreach included: direct notice of procurement opportunities to SDVOBs; SDVOB matchmaking event participation,

MWBE/SDVOB Forum and VETCON; participating in Statewide ESD Regional Expos, providing project information; advertising on the DASNY website; enrolling SDVOBs in Contractor Connect, Plan Holders/Interested Subcontractor/Suppliers List designed to link M/W/SDVOB/SBEs with DASNY opportunities. DASNY's Opportunity Program Group meets regularly with DASNY divisions to identify opportunities for SDVOB firms. DASNY's RFPs include set aside architectural, engineering/surveying term contracts for SDVOBs.

Empire Center at the Egg (The Egg)

The Egg's primary strategy for increasing SDVOB participation is through distribution of periodic email reminders for the Egg's staff to visit the SDVOB directory on a regular basis, inquire with current vendors to see if their firm or business would be eligible for SDVOB certification, and to ask other local arts venues if they are aware of any local vendors who may be eligible for SDVOB certification. The Egg's staff will monitor the Division's website for upcoming events to connect with SDVOBs and reach out for assistance when needed.

Empire State Development (ESD)

ESD achieved nearly \$19.5M in SDVOB utilization over the past four quarters. The ESD FY 2025-26 SDVOB Goal Plan sets an SDVOB agency goal of 6% and ESD's objective in the coming year is to identify additional areas for SDVOB utilization. ESD plans to continue to educate program and project personnel on the SDVOB requirements and will be assessing 6% SDVOB goals on all eligible awarded grants. ESD will attend the annual VETCON and its main objective for the upcoming year is to specifically target areas where SDVOB participation can be increased with the legal tools ESD has available, including discretionary purchases.

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)

EFC evaluates all corporate procurements for professional services for SDVOB participation and targets applying a 6% goal whenever feasible. EFC also uses its discretionary spending authority to utilize SDVOBs for professional services and for the purchase of information technology products and miscellaneous office supplies whenever feasible. In addition, EFC regularly participates in conferences and outreach events. EFC has developed guidance for recipients of EFC financial assistance, and contractors and subcontractors on EFC-funded projects to assist in compliance with EFC's programmatic requirements. As part of this guidance, EFC sets a 6% SDVOB participation goal for state-funded projects and encourages the use of SDVOBs on federally-funded projects.

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

The Authority focuses its efforts on reviewing the SDVOB directory for vendors of the goods and services that the Authority needs to procure. The Authority targets SDVOB vendors in any relevant RFP process by directly reaching out to those vendors to apprise them of opportunities with the Authority. The Authority will consider SDVOBs for discretionary purchases such as office supplies, where appropriate, and consult with the Division as needed.

Erie County Medical Center (ECMC)

ECMC has been successful in meeting and surpassing its SDVOB goals for the past four quarters. This is a result of processes implemented to connect SDVOB vendors with department leaders, encouraging them to take advantage of ECMC's discretionary procurement opportunities. ECMC reviews agreements and all competitive bids for SDVOB opportunities. If opportunities do exist on a competitive bid, ECMC will conduct a pre-bid call to educate potential respondents on SDVOB requirements such as utilization plans and reporting. ECMC continuously monitors all agreements with SDVOB goals and assists vendors to ensure they are successful in meeting their goals. SDVOBs can register for upcoming opportunities at: www.ecmc.edu/why-choose-us/doing-business-with-ecmc/bid-opportunities/.

Executive Chamber

The Executive Chamber is a relatively small agency, and nearly all its spending is non-discretionary. Almost all the expenses are exempt from SDVOB reporting (agency-specific contracts/leases, purchases from preferred sources or OGS contracts, personal service or interagency billings). Despite this, The Executive Chamber exceeded its 10% utilization goal thanks to the efforts of the procurement staff at OGS BSC who assist in identifying SDVOB spending opportunities and continue to attend the annual GovBuy event, as well as VETCON, when given the opportunity. Moving forward, the Executive Chamber will continue to make targeted approaches to maximize SDVOB spending.

Gaming Commission

The Commission is exceeding the 6% SDVOB goal, averaging 10.25% utilization attainment over the previous four quarters (FY 2024-25 Q3, FY 2024-25 Q4, FY 2025-26 Q1, and FY 2025-26 Q2). The Commission remains committed to supporting the SDVOB program. The Commission achieves program compliance by assessing each procurement opportunity and setting goals where appropriate. These efforts are also documented in the agency goal plan. SDVOB participation is monitored through monthly submissions of SDVOB utilization forms from vendors with SDVOB contract goals. Goal attainment is also sought through discretionary spending. The Commission works diligently to monitor vendor goal attainment and to ensure agency SDVOB goals are being met. The Compliance Office actively works with vendors to maximize opportunities.

Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)

As part of the procurement process, HESC determines whether a qualified SDVOB is available to provide all or a portion of the goods or services being sought by reviewing the SDVOB directory. HESC has a relatively small discretionary budget; however, HESC will continue to review all discretionary purchases to identify opportunities for SDVOBs. In FY 2025-26 HESC released RFP 2025-01 for a Student Aid Processing Portal, its largest and most significant discretionary spending item for the year. The RFP was open to all eligible vendors, including SDVOBs, and had a 6% SDVOB subcontracting goal.

Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT)

HRPT had its strongest utilization ever over this period. Design and construction related procurements have traditionally yielded the greatest participation for HRPT; however, these have recently slowed, and HRPT's overall expenditure has reduced, with the pro-rata share of each SDVOB payment yielding a more significant impact on the spend. Looking forward, HRPT will do the following to obtain and maintain the 6% SDVOB utilization: (1) highlighting commonly used commodities and services on the SDVOB directory as primes and resellers for staff use; (2) attending VETCON to engage with more SDVOBs; (3) maximizing efforts to use set-asides and discretionary opportunities as available. As construction and attendant services become more available, these overall efforts should yield meaningful participation.

Hudson River-Black River Regulating District

The District implements a comprehensive strategy to engage SDVOBs by identifying qualified firms from the SDVOB directory, reviewing all purchases for SDVOB opportunities, and leveraging discretionary purchasing to meet program goals. General requests for qualifications are sent to engineering firms, requiring selected firms to utilize SDVOB sub-consultants where applicable. The District unbundles contract deliverables when feasible, incorporates SDVOB language into all contracts, and educates purchasing personnel on relevant legislation and requirements. The Director of Administrative Services serves as the SDVOB point of contact, supporting staff and fostering ongoing efforts to increase SDVOB participation.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS considers SDVOB utilization in the order of precedence including preferred sources, set-asides, centralized contracts, agency contracts and open market purchases. ITS incorporates SDVOB utilization language into contracts and encourages all contractors to utilize SDVOB suppliers.

Continuous outreach and guidance are provided to SDVOBs about navigating the procurement process through ongoing efforts such as the annual VETCON, GovBuy, and the National Small Business event. ITS also works with the SDVOB program through a joint Utilization Initiative to maximize inclusion of SDVOBs to meet the agency's goal when purchasing commodities, services, and technology through an SDVOB.

Jacob Javits Convention Center

The Corporation aims to meet or exceed the 6% SDVOB goal. To this end, (a) bidders of contracts expected to exceed \$50,000 are encouraged to subcontract with SDVOBs, (b) for projects below \$50,000, the Corporation solicits bids with a primary focus on SDVOBs suitable to the work required, (c) the Purchasing Department maintains a list of SDVOBs by area of expertise, and individuals responsible for soliciting bids and proposals reach out to SDVOBs to encourage them to submit bids, and (d) for projects over \$50,000, staff will contact the SDVOB liaison with the project information for additional help reaching prospective vendors. The Corporation expects utilization to increase in the upcoming quarters as it has contracted with an SDVOB vendor to provide stainless steel cleaning services for several years. To increase utilization, the Corporation will continue to be more proactive in engaging SDVOB companies to participate in upcoming bid opportunities.

Justice Center for the Protection of Persons with Special Needs (the JC)

The JC's SDVOB review process includes vetting commodities and services available through centralized contracts for SDVOB-approved vendors before procuring and closely examining the SDVOB directory before making discretionary purchases. The JC has worked to increase its SDVOB usage during 2025 by continuing to employ this approach. The JC has several SDVOB vendors that were found through the standard SDVOB review process. The JC plans to have a booth at VETCON to increase exposure to certified vendors. Most of the JC's purchasing is made through centralized contracts which limits the opportunity for open-market procurements. Where possible, the JC will attempt to employ SDVOB set-asides. Additionally, the JC will explore utilizing SDVOB resellers to further increase utilization, where applicable.

Livingston County Water & Sewer Authority (LCWSA)

LCWSA is committed to maximizing SDVOB opportunities. While LCWSA has very few contracts and subcontracts that meet the state contract amount thresholds, the LCWSA has taken proactive steps internally and externally to encourage SDVOB participation in LCWSA contracts. Internally, as part of its regular staff meetings, staff are reminded of the SDVOB directory and are encouraged to utilize the directory whenever practical. As part of construction meetings for ongoing contracts, contractors and subcontractors are encouraged to seek additional opportunities to utilize SDVOBs. LCWSA expects an increased utilization for FY 2025-26 and FY2026-27 as an SDVOB contractor is the prime for a current construction project.

Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)

PSEG Long Island, on behalf of LIPA, takes great pride in doing business with SDVOBs and remains steadfast in engaging SDVOBs in its procurements to keep the electric grid up and running for the 1.1 million customers on Long Island and the Rockaway Peninsula. In FY 2024-25, PSEG Long Island achieved 11.3% SDVOB utilization, a 2.4% increase from the prior fiscal year. The catalyst to its success can be attributed to a proactive approach to promoting diversity within its supply chain with highly qualified and capable SDVOB firms and attending outreach events to expand those connections. In addition, PSEG Long Island also has provided thorough feedback to SDVOB firms on unsuccessful bid events to prepare them for future opportunities.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

The MTA is dedicated to expanding contracting opportunities for SDVOBs. Over the past four quarters, the MTA awarded \$66.2 million in SDVOB contracts: \$17.6M in FY 2024-25 Q3, \$12.1M in Q4, \$5.4M in FY 2025-26 Q1, and \$31.1M in Q2. MTA provides ongoing procurement training and works closely with Supplier Diversity and DDCR to identify SDVOB firms for upcoming opportunities. DDCR invites

SDVOBs to the MTA's quarterly New Firm Orientation, offering guidance on navigating the procurement process. Discretionary contracts up to \$1.5 million are posted on the MTA website to encourage participation. The MTA also participates in events such as VETCON and Competitive Edge to connect with firms in financial, construction, and IT services.

Nassau County Interim Finance Authority (NIFA)

All NIFA RFPs have an SDVOB goal of 6%. NIFA's Executive Director oversees implementation of NIFA's policy and directs its efforts to grant SDVOBs an opportunity to compete for NIFA's business. As a result of a prior outreach program, NIFA included SDVOB broker-dealers in the remarketing team for the debt restructuring that was executed in February 2021. NIFA intends to include SDVOBs in similar opportunities in the future. NIFA continues to include an SDVOB dealer-broker in its monthly bids and will actively continue its outreach for inclusion of SDVOBs to fill its business needs.

Nassau Health Care Corp. (NHCC)

As NHCC continues to strive towards 6% SDVOB utilization, it is looking to expand its utilization of SDVOBs in the areas of engineering and construction. Additionally, NHCC has identified and made efforts to buy supplies through an SDVOB vendor, which will significantly improve SDVOB utilization going forward. NHCC will continue to advertise to SDVOBs and reach out to the Division to help identify SDVOBs as needed. Additionally, NHCC will continue to search for SDVOB vendors that can be utilized in discretionary purchasing.

Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)

Most procurements are done by NHT's partnering agency staff (NYS Parks and NYS DEC), so NHT is somewhat limited in procuring directly from SDVOBs. Most often, NHT raises funds for a portion of a given program or project and holds those funds until needed. NHT encourages agency partners to contact SDVOB vendors by providing a list of all SDVOB businesses to regional procurement staff. A compliance form is distributed to all regions requiring them to report on which SDVOBs were contacted for bids. NHT Executive Staff consistently brings to the region's attention that the requirements of SDVOB usage within its partnering agencies also applies to services and commodities that the NHT holds funds for.

New York Power Authority (NYPA)

NYPA/Canal Corporation is committed to increasing SDVOB participation in its contracts as it leads the state's transition to a carbon-free economy by providing affordable, clean, and reliable electricity and support for the state's historic canal system. NYPA/Canal Corporation has established organization-wide SDVOB guidance, emphasizes SDVOB participation requirements to buyers, and tracks SDVOB utilization. NYPA/Canal Corporation offers free business development programs to SDVOB firms to enhance their capacity and capabilities for participating in government contracts. Procurements are reviewed for SDVOB participation, with goals established and monitored by the Supplier Diversity Team throughout the procure-to-pay process. Buyers are encouraged to use discretionary purchases, consider set-aside procurement methods, and advertise contract opportunities on nypa.gov/procurement. NYPA/Canal Corporation participates in over 30 supplier diversity events annually and hosts an annual expo to help SDVOB firms learn about NYPA/Canal Corporation contracts and connect with contractors, suppliers, and the Supplier Diversity Team.

New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA)

NYSBA's engagement with the Division has spanned numerous years, and NYSBA is as committed now as ever before to working with veteran businesses and benefitting from their expertise as well as capturing utilization. A number of NYSBA's RFP projects are based on specialized skills, and NYSBA has found it difficult on various occasions to solicit SDVOB entities for these contracts. NYSBA continues to review every opportunity it has available to vendors, and looks to connect collaboratively in all solicitations. That collaboration enabled NYSBA to increase its spending a bit more these past four quarters with SDVOB firms, and NYSBA looks forward to adding more utilization with each opportunity.

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA)

To encourage SDVOB participation within NYSEERDA's contracts and procurements and ensure that information on the updated status of SDVOB vendors is made available to all staff, NYSEERDA staff routinely search the SDVOB directory for qualified vendors to procure goods and services. New solicitations are reviewed for SDVOB opportunities and required SDVOB provisions are included in the solicitation, indicating up to a 6% goal for vendors, where appropriate. Furthermore, the SDVOB goal plan and planned actions are reviewed with executive sponsors annually. NYSEERDA continues to find success in contracting with information technology and temporary services firms. NYSEERDA participates each year in VETCON to communicate contracting opportunities for SDVOB vendors.

New York State Homes & Community Renewal - DHCR, HTFC (DHCR)

DHCR's Housing Finance Agency continue to incorporate SDVOB participation in all applicable contracting and subcontracting opportunities available. Each funding award issued through this agency is assessed for SDVOB opportunities and assigned an appropriate goal in accordance with state law. Prime contractors must submit a plan to meet the assigned goal or demonstrate all efforts to solicit SDVOB subcontractors registered in the SDVOB directory. Additionally, when possible, DHCR will create virtual or in-person networking forums where SDVOB firms are introduced to DHCR's development and construction partners to facilitate meaningful business relationships that will improve SDVOB participation.

New York State Homes & Community Renewal - HFA, AHC, SONYMA, MBBA, TSFC (HFA)

HFA continues to incorporate SDVOB participation in all applicable contracting and subcontracting opportunities available. Each funding award issued through this agency is assessed for SDVOB opportunities and assigned an appropriate goal in accordance with state law. Prime contractors must submit a plan to meet the assigned goal or demonstrate all efforts to solicit SDVOB subcontractors registered in the SDVOB directory. Additionally, when possible, HFA will create virtual or in-person networking forums where SDVOB firms are introduced to HFA's development and construction partners to facilitate meaningful business relationships that will improve SDVOB participation.

New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF)

NYSIF remains committed to fostering business partnerships with SDVOBs. NYSIF's total utilization for last year was 23% with over \$4.44 million in spending with SDVOB companies, which has surpassed the required 6% target goal. NYSIF will continuously strive to meet the 6% SDVOB utilization target. Each procurement is reviewed prior to release to determine which goals would be appropriate. All procurement options are utilized within the scope of the SDVOB program to maximize opportunities for SDVOB vendors. NYSIF sponsors and attends the annual VETCON and other SDVOB outreach events yearly.

New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Corporation (NYSTBDF)

NYSTBDF continues to try to identify discretionary spending for SDVOBs, but since NYSTBDF has very limited discretionary spending opportunities these opportunities are scarce. NYSTBDF continues to purchase office supplies from the SDVOB vendor that was identified in previous years and continues to utilize an SDVOB vendor for 1099 processing. NYSTBDF will continue to search for potential SDVOB opportunities and use current SDVOB vendors it has developed a relationship with for additional commodity and service purchases as needed.

New York State Thruway Authority (NYSTA)

NYSTA remains committed to increasing SDVOB participation. As part of this commitment, all procurements are carefully evaluated in advance to identify potential opportunities. NYSTA continues to monitor the SDVOB directory to identify qualified firms for inclusion. Procurements within discretionary spending limits that support competitive selection may be prioritized. For procurements exceeding discretionary thresholds, solicitations will be reviewed for SDVOB opportunities, and SDVOBs will be added to the bidders list. NYSTA promotes SDVOB engagement by providing outreach to educate SDVOB firms on how to do business with NYSTA, issuing timely notifications to SDVOB firms regarding

all eligible procurement opportunities, delivering annual staff training on compliance with Article 3 of the Veterans' Services Law and participating in SDVOB outreach events to strengthen engagement.

Niagara Falls Water Board (NFWB)

NFWB and its executive leadership are committed to finding and evaluating potential SDVOB opportunities to meet or exceed the state's 6% SDVOB utilization goal. All bids and RFPs are reviewed for SDVOB goals, and appropriate model language is incorporated. Communication has been made to contractors to look for SDVOB subcontractor opportunities, and SDVOB goals are included on NFWB projects, where appropriate. Along with larger contracts, NFWB looks for additional opportunities to meet SDVOB utilization goals with smaller discretionary purchases such as office and printing supplies.

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)

In 2025 NFTA provided authority-wide SDVOB training. NFTA Personnel attend SDVOB training with the Division when offered. NFTA makes every effort to ensure SDVOBs are aware of contracting opportunities by advertising contracts greater than \$25,000 in local papers and the New York State Contract Reporter. Additionally, NFTA reviews the SDVOB directory and sends opportunities to businesses that meet the description in each specification. Prior to bid submissions, a pre-bid meeting is conducted to inform potential bidders about subcontracting opportunities and NFTA's commitment to maximize utilization of SDVOBs. NFTA's last four quarters have all been above the state goal of 6% SDVOB participation. NFTA had a SDVOB successfully win two prime contracts, which they worked on this past year.

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

OPWDD will continue to make a good faith effort to utilize SDVOBs for discretionary spending. For the past four quarters, SDVOB utilization was 3.46%. OPWDD will ensure that nonprofits conducting Environmental Modifications (Emods) review eligible SDVOB vendors to include on the bidder's list and results are subsequently reviewed by the SDVOB compliance team. OPWDD intends to assign goals to nonprofit services that may not necessarily be Emods. Regional Managers will ensure that they are aware of participating SDVOBs available on centralized contracts. The compliance team will provide statewide training and will also ensure that contract managers understand how to gauge SDVOB Open Market service availability. OPWDD's compliance team will ensure that subcontractor utilization goals are considered for all non-exempt, non-excluded procurements, and that qualifying SDVOB prime contractors are notified of competitive solicitation opportunities.

Office for the Aging (NYSOFA)

NYSOFA's SDVOB spending has historically increased due to expanded opportunities for purchases from commodity vendors. NYSOFA reviews its utilization goal on a quarterly basis and reviews its efforts to increase SDVOB participation in procurement opportunities. NYSOFA reaches out to the Division for guidance and technical assistance, as needed.

Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV)

OPDV is responsible for following purchasing procedures and consistently pursues opportunities to utilize SDVOBs. The Assistant Director of Equity and Inclusion works collaboratively with OPDV's Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Director of Financial Administration on a regular basis to ensure that SDVOB purchasing goals are continually made a priority. During the 2025 calendar year, OPDV has added three Finance and Administration staff members. As a result, OPDV's all-staff meetings are more focused on procurement. With this said, OPDV is working on increasing its SDVOB spending during the 2025 fiscal year. OPDV has been informed that whenever purchasing occurs, the SDVOB directory must be researched.

Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

OASAS continues to make good faith efforts to utilize SDVOB vendors for discretionary spending as well as encourage goals in solicitations. Over the past four quarters, OASAS has achieved 11.79% in SDVOB utilization. OASAS is currently utilizing several SDVOB vendors for office and medical supplies,

nursing services, and consulting services. In FY 2025-26 Q2, OASAS released two discretionary opportunities, which were only open to NYS Certified MWBE and SDVOB vendors. Opportunity Program staff will continue to seek out SDVOB vendors on centralized contracts and reseller opportunities when possible and notify purchasing staff of such vendors. OASAS staff will be attending the 2025 VETCON in Albany to network with SDVOB vendors.

Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS)

OCFS promotes SDVOB utilization and participation in all contracting and subcontracting opportunities. Goals are determined based on goods and services being procured for each contract. OCFS encourages program areas and contractors to consider SDVOB utilization at a minimum of 6% of their discretionary spending opportunities. Utilizing 'kick-off' meetings, research, planning, and participation in outreach events, OCFS offers program assistance in locating certified SDVOBs prior to the release of each procurement. Additionally, OCFS continually assesses contract budgets searching for opportunities for SDVOB usage. During goal assessments, OCFS assesses all spending opportunities specific to each procurement and contract to locate appropriate opportunities to use SDVOB resources to fulfill service needs. OCFS's Purchasing Unit also maximizes the use of SDVOBs for all discretionary purchases by reviewing the SDVOB directory and utilizing centralized contracts as needed. Recently, OCFS Purchasing Unit convinced Grainger, one of the most popular vendors used by OCFS residential facilities, to use a certified SDVOB vendor reseller.

Office of Employee Relations (OER)

OER seeks to procure from SDVOB vendors whenever possible. All agency procurement and contract documents include language for use of SDVOBs and each procurement is assessed for SDVOB prime and subcontracting opportunities. New York State Contract Reporter ads include the agency's SDVOB goals for that procurement, as applicable. As a means of promoting SDVOB utilization, the OER website links to the Division's website. OER is a sponsor of VETCON and staff attend VETCON to communicate its procurement needs and seek to build new relationships with SDVOB vendors.

Office of General Services (OGS)

OGS awarded 906 design and construction contracts with SDVOB subcontracting goals and 33 were awarded to certified SDVOB prime contractors and consultants. OGS Procurement Services awarded 14 centralized contracts with SDVOB goals including 10 vendors that are prime contractors and 40 that are resellers or subcontractors. The Office of Business Diversity (OBD) team diligently reviews procurements to assess opportunities and determine availability for an achievable goal. OGS makes a concerted effort to market advertised procurements and discretionary opportunities to SDVOBs for their participation. OBD performs contract monitoring for compliance and adherence to good faith efforts. Another OBD core function is to participate in targeted outreach events to educate, engage, and empower SDVOB firms on OGS contracting opportunities. OGS continues to pursue initiatives to increase SDVOB utilization.

Office of Mental Health (OMH)

OMH is committed to growing SDVOB participation within all procurement opportunities. When a contract or purchasing need arises, OMH reviews the scope of work and utilizes the SDVOB directory to search for possible prime or subcontractors, all of which are added to the bidder's list for that procurement. Many of OMH's solicitations require mandatory site visits, and during that time staff explain the contract goals. OMH encourages all attendees to reach out to SDVOB subcontractors directly, letting them know of the procurement opportunity, and any areas that they may use. OMH remains committed to the goal of fulfilling 6% of eligible contracts with SDVOB businesses. OMH will continue to work closely with the vendor community to increase SDVOB utilization.

Office of Parks, Recreation, & Historic Preservation (Parks)

FY 2024-25 was the most successful year for Parks regarding SDVOB utilization. Unfortunately, this current fiscal year is starting to show a decrease in utilization. A thorough review of current contracts is underway to be sure vendors are being utilized. Compliance staff have also been working with prime

contractors to identify SDVOB vendors that can perform on their contracts. More SDVOB vendors have been identified for use on OGS centralized contracts often utilized by Parks. This will hopefully start to increase utilization numbers. Moving forward, Parks is looking to take a more targeted approach to contracts. Exploring the use of set-asides as well as setting goals higher than 6% on large contracts that have room for utilization.

Office of Resilient Homes and Communities (RHC)

Although RHC is a permanent program office under HTFC and part of a larger state agency, most contracts previously entered into by RHC are federally funded and would therefore not be defined as a “state contract.” Future procurements related to RHC, both federally and state funded, will be performed by HTFC. RHC will work with HCR/HTFC to ensure that proper documentation related to SDVOB utilization is collected and reviewed throughout the lifecycle of future contracts procured under HTFC related to RHC funding, where required. For any new federally funded RHC contracts, HTFC/RHC shall continue to encourage compliance with SDVOB requirements and the utilization of SDVOB firms, where applicable and feasible. For any new RHC contracts that utilize State funding, HTFC/RHC will ensure that all applicable requirements are met, including those pertaining to SDVOBs.

Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA)

OTDA supports the efforts to promote economic opportunities for disabled veterans, and to ensure that there are no barriers that impair the access of SDVOBs to state contracting opportunities. OTDA endeavors to increase opportunities for SDVOBs in all agency procurements by encouraging contractors to procure from SDVOBs. OTDA also routinely reviews exclusions and exemptions lists to identify opportunities towards increasing the agency’s discretionary purchasing of goods and services from SDVOBs. OTDA actively conducts outreach to SDVOBs and attends events targeted to the SDVOB community. Currently, OTDA is exceeding the statewide SDVOB utilization rate of 6%.

Office of the Inspector General and Office of the Welfare Inspector General (OIG)

OIG is fully committed to procurement practices in support of SDVOBs. All OIG staff members responsible for procurement regularly consult the SDVOB directory to determine purchasing opportunities. OIG continuously reviews procurement policies and procedures to ensure that every effort is made to utilize and support SDVOBs. In FY 2024-25, OIG had forged new relationships with SDVOBs resulting in an increase in OIG utilization year over year. OIG has explored a new apparel relationship which will only lead to higher utilization. Over the previous four quarters, OIG achieved over 18.5% utilization with SDVOBs.

Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)

OMIG is committed to supporting the state's efforts to utilize SDVOBs. OMIG actively incorporates SDVOBs into its procurement processes whenever appropriate, including bidder lists and discretionary purchases. In FY 2024-25, OMIG exceeded the mandated 6% SDVOB utilization goal. OMIG will continue to prioritize SDVOB participation in future procurements, fostering economic opportunities for veterans and strengthening New York's commitment to supporting those who have served our country.

Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)

OSC’s Bureau of Finance has established directives that mandate and instruct all purchasing agents within its offices; to be mindful that all contracts over \$50,000 must include SDVOB subcontracting goals where feasible. In support of the SDVOB program, OSCs Bureau of Finance’s Master Goal Plan has conducted agency wide educational training that creates within OSC’s divisions a culture that supports and encourages procurement opportunities for qualified SDVOBs. During the previous four quarters (FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26), OSC’s SDVOB spending totaled \$231,350. Currently, OSC attainment is 1.4% of OSC’s approved spending goal of 4%. OSC’s plan will continue participation in statewide outreach events and use discretionary thresholds along with approved contracts to ascertain OSC’s approved goal plan.

Office of Victim Services (OVS)

OVS is a small agency with limited State spending on non-personal services. OVS makes efforts to procure commodities and services from SDVOB vendors. When making discretionary purchases, OVS procurement staff reviews the lists of SDVOB vendors on centralized contracts and searches for potential bidders for open market purchases in the SDVOB directory. These efforts have helped to reach OVS's 6% utilization goal overall. SDVOB utilization in some quarters is less than this percentage due to the timing of purchases; however, the average utilization is aligned with OVS's master goal plan.

Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority

The Authority's deficit budget for FY 2025-26 was \$3.615M. With various federal measures, bridge toll income has not increased as hoped, but decreased to approximately 70% of the Authority's baseline numbers with a year-to-date loss of about \$750,000 in bridge revenue. Non-essential maintenance and capital expenditures are still being deferred for as long as possible. A couple of modest projects were sent directly to relatively local SDVOBs for quotes. The Authority will look to utilize SDVOBs as subcontractors or possibly even use SDVOB set asides when capital projects begin again. The Authority will reach out to the Division as needed for assistance.

Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA)

ORDA's master goal plan for FY 2025-26 was to achieve a 6.0% SDVOB utilization rate. Thus far, ORDA has achieved a 2.77% goal for FY 2025-26. ORDA anticipates being able to achieve its final goal by the end of the year. Two of ORDA's largest SDVOB contractors/suppliers have lost their SDVOB status and ORDA is searching to replace those. ORDA will continue to strive to achieve the 6% SDVOB goals by building upon its current efforts and continuing to educate and train procurement staff. ORDA will continue to conduct and attend outreach events, assist veterans with becoming certified and as well as develop set-aside opportunities for SDVOB firms wherever possible.

Port of Oswego Authority (POA)

POA has been, and will continue to be, diligent in ensuring that contracts are met with good faith efforts to ensure SDVOB participation. POA's most concentrated efforts have been in the discretionary spending area. Due to the specialized nature of the business, POA's needs and costs vary greatly from quarter to quarter, year to year. This becomes apparent in how greatly POA's utilization fluctuates. Every contract is monitored for compliance and POA is very hands-on in its approach to ensure that good faith efforts are being met on all levels of purchasing. Additionally, POA has taken steps to restructure its purchasing team, to have a staff member dedicated to compliance monitoring, outreach and achieving optimal utilization.

Public Employment Relations Board (PERB)

PERB consistently considers SDVOBs for all discretionary spending, contracts and other expenditures, and strives to meet the 6% SDVOB procurement goal each year. Given that PERB is a very small agency with little to no contractual spending on an annual basis, efforts to meet the 6% procurement goal focus mainly on discretionary purchases. Giving procurement consideration to SDVOBs has been integrated into PERB's procedures when selecting vendors. Purchasing authorizations are centralized in PERB's Office of Administration. PERB routinely uses the SDVOB directory when purchasing and visits the SDVOB website regularly to remain informed on new legislation or requirements. Staff participate in GovBuy training, including Best Practices for Contracting with SDVOBs. PERB consistently strives to become more informed on the procurement process and meet or exceed its goals each year.

Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA)

RGRTA continues to ensure the SDVOB goal is exceeded through the utilization of SDVOB resellers on centralized contracts as well as subcontracting on formal procurements issued by RGRTA. Staff members continue to participate in regional small-business events to meet vendors and discuss upcoming purchasing opportunities. While this quarter represents a decrease, this was expected with

the closing out of federal contracts where SDVOBs were the prime vendors. RGRTA is pleased that aside from those contracts that it continues to exceed the 6% SDVOB goal for RGRTA.

Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOCI)

RIOCI will continue its efforts, from procurement through operations, to support and develop SDVOB business opportunities for discretionary purchasing. RIOCI is currently seeking a new pest control firm within the SDVOB directory as RIOCI has had good luck in the past with this trade. Procurement trains and shares valuable tools and resources within RIOCI regarding SDVOB engagement and purchasing options. RIOCI has had to greatly reduce development spending and focus on maintenance and operational work that cannot be delayed. With fewer new projects, RIOCI is seeing less utilization opportunity. To continue to develop opportunities and relationships, RIOCI's Director for Procurement will attend VETCON in 2025. RIOCI recognizes the importance of the SDVOB program, and this annual marketing and networking event is great for developing new relationships and bringing this connection back to Roosevelt Island.

Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI)

RPCI looks to grow its SDVOB program by continuing to ensure it is transparent and accessible for all participants, building upon the framework that has delivered a robust MWBE program. RPCI looks to continue to grow its utilization percentages by engaging local business leaders and SDVOB contractors. RPCI is identifying impediments and barriers to businesses that wish to contract with RPCI. In addition to the inclusion of SDVOB standard contract language, RPCI communicates its expectation that there will be good faith efforts made by contractors and vendors to utilize SDVOBs. RPCI will continue to attend networking events like VETCON, host on-site meetings with vendors, and work closely with buyers to identify potential opportunities for increased SDVOB participation.

Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority (SMDA)

SMDA continues to work with Schenectady County's Affirmative Action Department and City of Schenectady's Affirmative Action Officer to promote procurement opportunities and expedite certification for businesses that meet SDVOB criteria. Additionally, SMDA utilizes OGS's SDVOB directory to identify vendors and will participate in local events, when possible, to help educate businesses regarding potential SDVOB opportunities. SMDA continues to include SDVOB contract language in competitive procurement contracts and purchases and works with private developers to identify local SDVOBs. SMDA performs these activities routinely. SMDA anticipates that, as more SDVOBs become certified and construction projects continue to build momentum post-pandemic, there will be increased SDVOB utilization in future years.

State Commission of Correction (SCOC)

At this time, SCOC does not have standard solicitations and contracts. Purchases are made by utilizing the p-card. However, if in the future a solicitation or procurement is needed, the SDVOB language will be included. Informative communications pertaining to SDVOB are provided, as appropriate. DCJS handles the reporting of SDVOB for SCOC and when procurement questions are raised DCJS promotes SDVOB vendor utilization and directs SCOC to solicit SDVOB vendors for commodities and services that could be obtained from an SDVOB vendor (if available).

State University Construction Fund (SUCF)

SUCF primarily engages in the design and construction of SUNY campus facilities. The majority of SDVOB participation occurs as subcontractors and subconsultants to prime contractors. Less than 1% of SUCF procurements are commodities or services. SDVOB goals are set on all relevant procurements and must have an SDVOB goal determination prior to release of procurement advertisements. SDVOB participation in SUCF projects is monitored for compliance with set goals. SUCF Opportunities and Procurement staff do continuous reviews of procurements and the SDVOB directory to identify and match opportunities for set-asides exclusive for SDVOB bidding. SUCF conducts extensive outreach and communication to SDVOB firms for advertised procurements. SUCF staff participate in outreach events including VETCON, matchmaking opportunities and schedule

project walkthroughs for prospective bidders. SUCF also has an online registry where SDVOB firms can sign up to receive notices of all upcoming projects and procurements.

State University of New York (SUNY)

SUNY remains committed to increasing procurement opportunities for SDVOBs. The system-wide Supplier Diversity Program ensures SUNY's compliance with Article 3 of the Veterans' Services Law and strives to create a level playing field on which SDVOBs can compete fairly for SUNY procurements. SUNY has decentralized procurement; each campus has its own purchasing office with disparate needs, expectations, and ability to meet them. The system-wide Supplier Diversity Program assists campuses with identifying opportunities, conducting outreach, and monitoring contract participation-goal compliance for SDVOB activity. Campuses are strongly encouraged to utilize SDVOB discretionary procurements and set-asides. Vendors are encouraged to contact individual Campus Purchasing Offices and Supplier Diversity Campus Contacts with information about their business and how their company might meet the campuses' specific needs.

Syracuse Regional Airport Authority (SRAA)

SRAA is working to expand its pool of qualified SDVOB vendors and build stronger relationships with the SDVOB certified businesses SRAA currently utilizes. SRAA provides one-on-one technical assistance to SDVOBs helping them navigate the bidding process and understand the specific project requirements. SRAA competitive contracts and procurements contain set goals for SDVOB participation, which is tracked and reported on a quarterly basis. SRAA will continue to attend various conferences to connect with the SDVOB community and is committed to making a good faith effort to increase SDVOB participation.

United Nations Development Corporation (UNDC)

UNDC promotes SDVOB utilization by assessing state contracts for SDVOB goals, listing goals in advertisements and RFPs, and encouraging contractors to utilize SDVOBs as subcontractors and suppliers. When assessing state contracts for goals, UNDC staff analyze the scope of work and perform searches in the SDVOB directory. UNDC staff attempt to identify upcoming projects that may provide opportunities for SDVOB participation and potential SDVOB vendors for those projects. When potential SDVOB vendors are identified, UNDC staff may contact them to inquire about their interest and availability. UNDC monitors contracts with SDVOB participation and requires contractors to submit quarterly compliance reports. UNDC expects to achieve 6% SDVOB participation on its multiyear project to renovate One and Two UN Plaza.

Upper Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA)

Contracting opportunities are limited for the MVWA, which owns and operates a water supply, treatment, transmission, and distribution system that serves a population of about 130,000 people in the eastern portion of Oneida County, N.Y. Principal water system components include the water intake at Hinckley Reservoir, a direct filtration water treatment plant, pump stations, water storage facilities, approximately 704 miles of transmission and distribution mains, and related appurtenances. Although there is a relatively small number of SDVOBs within the region, MVWA works to identify SDVOB vendors by searching the SDVOB directory for those who can possibly provide the needed goods and services. MVWA includes SDVOB goals in RFPs and in contracting language when subcontractors are involved and enlists the assistance of the Division when needed.

Westchester County Health Care Corporation (WCHCC)

WCHCC SDVOB outreach efforts throughout FY 2025-26 will include meeting with site and department leaders to continue to inform them about WCHCC's supplier diversity commitment, which includes doing business with SDVOB vendors. Other efforts would be to provide an updated list of SDVOB vendors to departments when applicable for upcoming projects so they have the most recent information available should the opportunities permit. WCHCC continues to exceed the SDVOB utilization goal and will continue to strive to meet its SDVOB commitment.

Workers Compensation Board (WCB)

WCBs FY 2025-26 SDVOB goal plan set 6% of budget disbursements to SDVOB vendors with spend estimated in the amount of \$1,708,727. Agency contracts are the primary source for helping achieve this goal. The WCB's Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) initiative is a multi-year effort to improve WCB's underlying technology systems that support the organization. The development of the BPR OnBoard Platform will provide a significant opportunity for SDVOB participation. Goals for contracts are evaluated based on identified vendors in the SDVOB directory. It is policy to complete a review of vendor certification and send a formal response approving plans, or a determination that additional information is needed. Contract utilization is reviewed and tracked quarterly throughout the term of the contract.