

**New York State Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Program
Waivers/Approved Utilization Plans: Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

Agency Name: Department of Veterans' Services
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(1) Description of Contract Scope Includes:
Construction
Non Construction
Commodities
Services
Services and Commodities

(2) Description of Approved Waiver Includes:
Lack of MWBE firms available
MWBE firms were non responsive to solicitations
Insufficient subcontracting opportunities
Specialized work/knowledge/equipment required
Location impacted availability
MWBE firms responded to solicitation but declined to bid
Change in budget and/or project phasing limited the scope for subcontracting
Change in timeline affected MWBE utilization and availability
MWBE bid(s) were too high compared to non-MWBE
No MWBE waiver requested
Other

(3) Description of Denied Waiver Includes:
Sub contracting opportunities available
MWBE vendor availability
Lack of good faith effort (GFE)
Inadequate documentation

Contract Number	Prime Contractor Name	Contract Term Dates	Contract Amount	(1) Description of Contract Scope	MWBE Certified Subcontractor Name	(1) Description of Subcontract Scope	Waiver Requested	(2) Description of Approved Waiver	(3) Description of Denied Waiver
C005257	African American Veterans Monument, Inc.	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$500,000.00	Services	John H. Black Co., LLC	Services	No		
C005259	New York State Defenders Association	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$250,000.00	Services	Dependable Office Supplies, Inc. Robert Tabatznik Associates, Inc. Wats International, Inc.	Services Services Services	No		
C005261	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$180,000.00	Services	Apple Maintenance Services, Inc.	Services	No		
C005412	New York State Defenders Association	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$250,000.00	Services	Dependable Office Supplies, Inc. Robert Tabatznik Associates, Inc. Wats International, Inc.	Services Services Services	No		
C005413	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$225,000.00	Services	Apple Maintenance Services, Inc.	Services	No		
C005414	New York State Defenders Association	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$220,000.00	Services	Robert Tabatznik Associates, Inc.	Services	No		
C005430	Southern Tier Veterans Support Group	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$50,000.00	Services	Robinson Design Company	Services	No		
C005623	Touro College	4/1/2025 - 3/31/2026	\$125,000.00	Services Services	Michael Rego Supreme Safety, Inc.	Services Services	No		
C005420	Veterans Rebuilding Life Corp	10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026	\$30,000.00	Services Services	Michael Rego Supreme Safety, Inc.	Services Services	No		
C005422	Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.	10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026	\$30,000.00	Services	Peligro Sporting Depot	Services	No		
C005423	Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY, Inc.	10/2/2025 - 9/30/2026	\$30,000.00	Services	Green Goddess Foods, LLC	Services	No		