

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

MARY WAYTE POOL UPGRADES PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

1. Can you please share if there is DBE/MBE/WBE/VA Administrator or “Champion” for this project?

Both Brandy Fox and Kellie Bower’s firms are State certified as WBE firms. Both Brandy and Kellie will work diligently to ensure DBE/MBE/WBE/VA firms have every possible chance to participate and contribute to this project.

2. Is there a inclusion % goal or other guidelines with regards to inclusion?

Approximately 25% of the non-construction funds are currently committed to a WBE firm (CPM Seattle, Inc.). The District intends to work closely with the selected general contractor to determine what reasonable, achievable goals can be for participation in the design and construction portion of the project. Our goal would be a minimum of 10% between DBE/MBE/WBE/VA firms.

3. Unique scope with unique Inclusion challenges, Can you please share project strategies to bring attraction to this scope with your subcontractor outreach?

Advance notice of the project (subject to PRC approval) was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce, the local Mercer Island newspaper, and the State OMWBE office on August 28, 2024. The District hosted an outreach event on September 17th, 2024, that was well attended by various general contractors and design firms, including MWBE firms. Given the unique nature of a pool project, it will take extra effort and diligence by Brandy and Kellie to encourage and ensure the general contractor finds specific scopes of work that can be performed by local DBE/MBE/WBE/VA subcontractors.