

Goods and Services Contracting

The Port Authority predominantly purchases goods and services through competitive bidding procedures. Contracts are mostly awarded to the lowest responsive bidder or highest rated proposer. Purchases may be made according to other accepted, efficient practices when this is in the best interest of the agency. Please note that to participate in our bidding programs for M/W/SBEs, you must first be certified and registered in the agency's vendor database as an M/W/SBE vendor.

Goods and Services Contracting- Special Bidding Programs

Eligible qualified businesses that are certified and registered may be able to participating in the following programs:

Set-Aside Program

The Port Authority reserves certain contracts to be bid out only to New York or New Jersey based Port Authority-certified M/WBEs or SBEs. This enables firms to compete for significant contracts in a limited, competitive environment.

Vendor Price Preference Program

On selected bid commodity and service contracts, a price preference may be offered to New York or New Jersey-based Port Authority certified M/W/SBEs. On those bids, a business may be awarded the purchase order even though their bid exceeds the lowest bid by up to 10 percent for M/WBEs, or 5 percent for SBEs.

Subcontracting

Many Port Authority contracts provide for good faith subcontracting opportunities to Port Authority-certified M/WBEs. As a certified M/WBE registered in our database, your firm's name will be made available to other contractors or vendors who, to meet M/WBE subcontracting goals, may invite you to participate with them as a subcontractor on Port Authority contracts.