**Statement encouraging Minority/Women Owner Businesses (M/WBE) to submit bids/proposals**

The **Town/City/County** and the **Prime Contractor** are committed to provide small, minority, and women business enterprises equal access to opportunity for participation in **Town/City/County** contracts for Construction, Professional Services, Other Services, and Goods and Supplies. The **Town/City/County** encourages all **Town/City/County** M/WBE firms to participate in procurement and contracting activities. The **Town/City/County** is recognizing its responsibilities to the communities it serves and the society in which it conducts business. The use of minority and women business enterprises must be a function of our normal purchasing/contracting procedures, just as equal employment opportunity must be an integral part of normal personnel policy and procedures. No potential supplier/contractors will be precluded from consideration on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age or national origin.