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MWBE Waiver Request

Contract No.: BA-2014-RE-102-CM	Facility: Rip Van Winkle Bridge
Project Description: Sidewalk & Railing Replacement	Contract Value: \$5,362,000.00
Contractor: Piasecki Steel Construction Corp.	Contract Term: Approx. 24 months
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Description: This is a construction contract for the removal and replacement of the existing bridge sidewalk and railing. This long span bridge is located between Catskill and Hudson, NY crossing over the Hudson River.
Reason for Request: Due to the scope of services requested, numerous MWBEs chose not to bid, could not perform the item of work requested and / or the location of the project was unacceptable.
Original Goal: MBE <u>12.0</u> % WBE <u>18.0</u> %
Recommended Goal: MBE <u>0.00</u> % WBE <u>27.38</u> %
Explanation of Good Faith Efforts: The Prime contractor has solicited over 56 MWBEs for participation on this project. A majority of the firms elected not to provide the Prime a price quote during the bidding process. Also, one (1) firm provided a price quote after the bid opening. Of the ten (10) MWBE firms quoting the project to Piasecki Steel, they deemed only three (3) quotes responsible and competitive. After further review, the Contractor was able to negotiate a contract with a WBE firm to fabricate the new bridge railing. This has substantially increase the overall WBE participation to 27.38%.

The NYS Bridge Authority has reviewed and accepted the attached MWBE utilization plan (UP).

Attachments include:

1. Prime's Wavier Request

APPROVED: 5-14-2016

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