Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Policy

WHEREAS, the Public Authorities Reform Act was signed into law on December 11, 2009 and became effective March 1, 2010 and included a number of significant reforms including an expansion of the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise requirements as set forth in New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. The new law requires all New York public authorities to abide by the MWBE standards; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the County of Oswego Industrial Development Agency to abide by and actively pursue compliance of the MWBE requirements and incorporate these requirements into the Agency’s Procurement Policy and any other policies related to the purchase of goods and services, the awarding of construction contracts or subcontracts and any other policies that may be promulgated from time to time by this Agency.

NOW, upon due deliberation and consideration, it is and shall hereby be

RESOLVED, that it is the preference of the Agency to provide opportunities for the purchase of goods and services from certified minority and/or women-owned business enterprises that qualify for such designation pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A. To that end, the Agency will utilize available lists of MWBE firms certified by Oswego County and/or the State of New York and will solicit bids and proposals from such businesses by notifying them of the opportunities to submit proposals and bids for goods and services and construction contracts and subcontracts. The MWBE businesses shall be provided with sufficient time to submit proposals in response to solicitations.

Adopted this ___11th___ day of June, 2010.

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Secretary