

# **Good Faith Efforts**



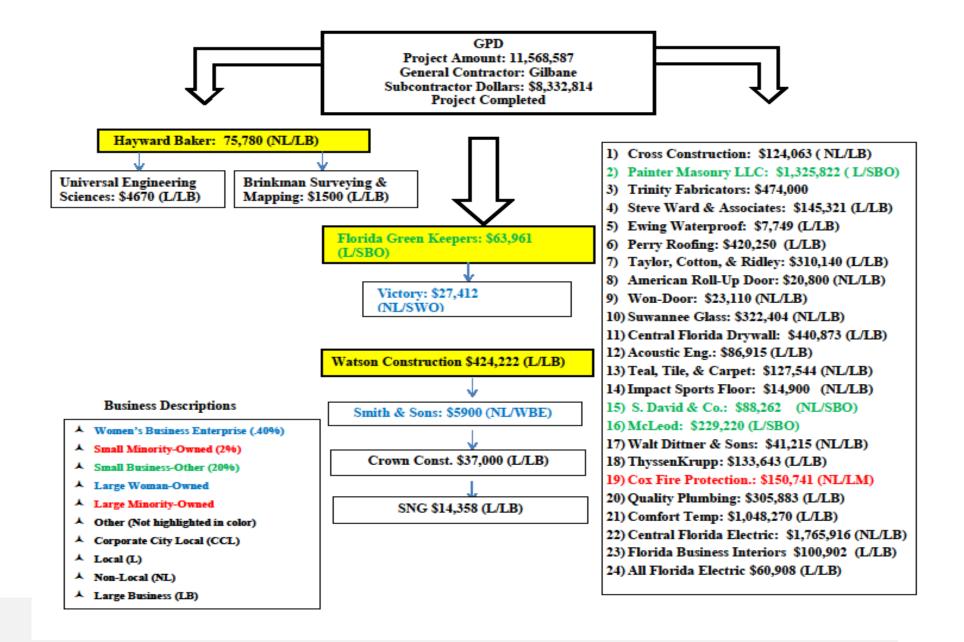
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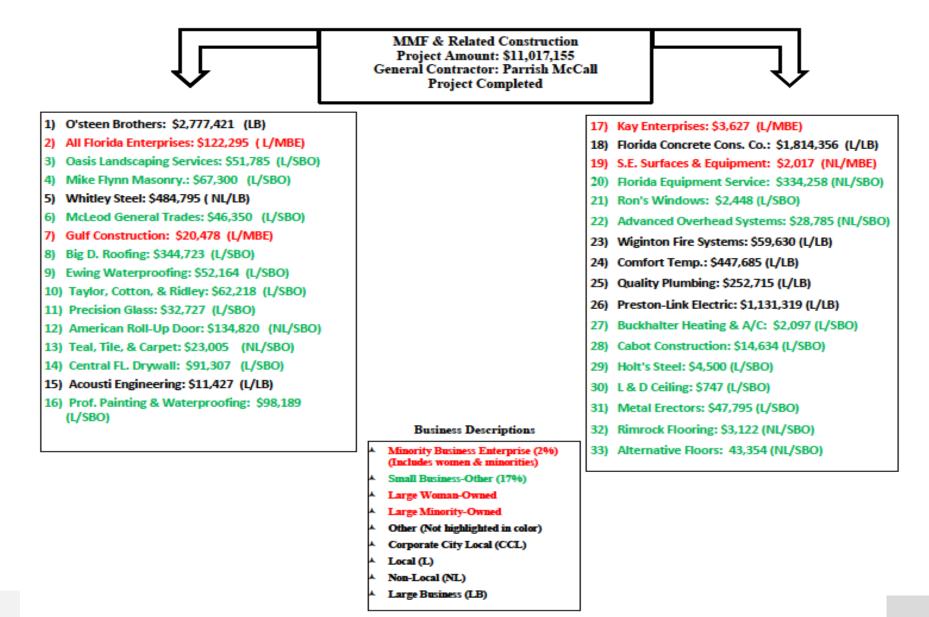
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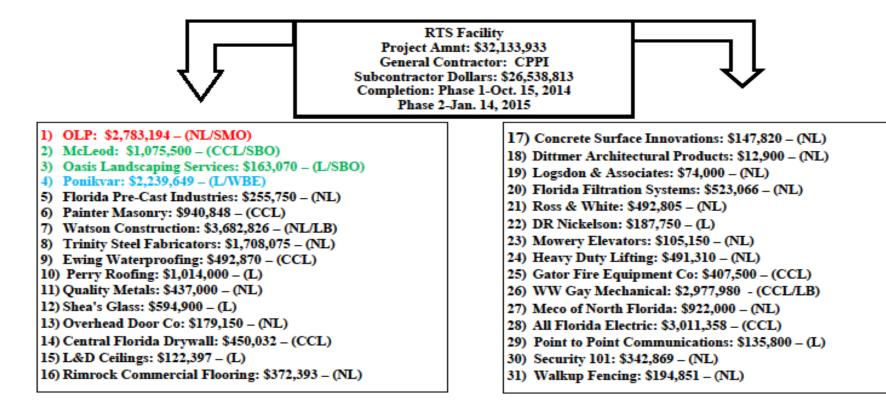
### 2014

## Multi-million Dollar Projects

SMALL AND DIVERSE BUSINESS UTILIZATION

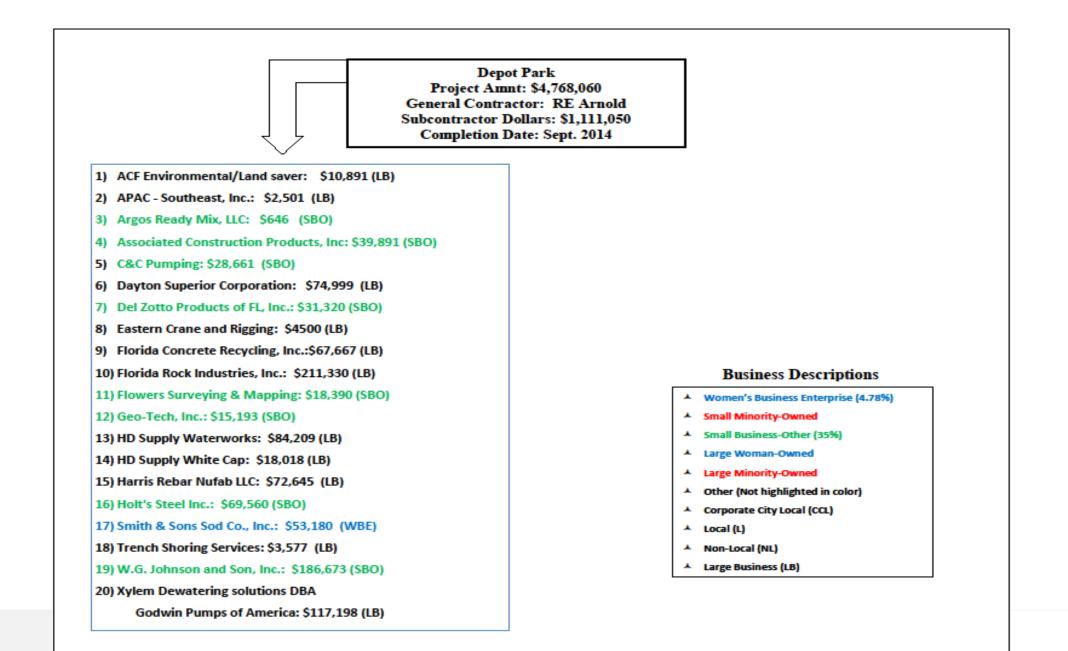


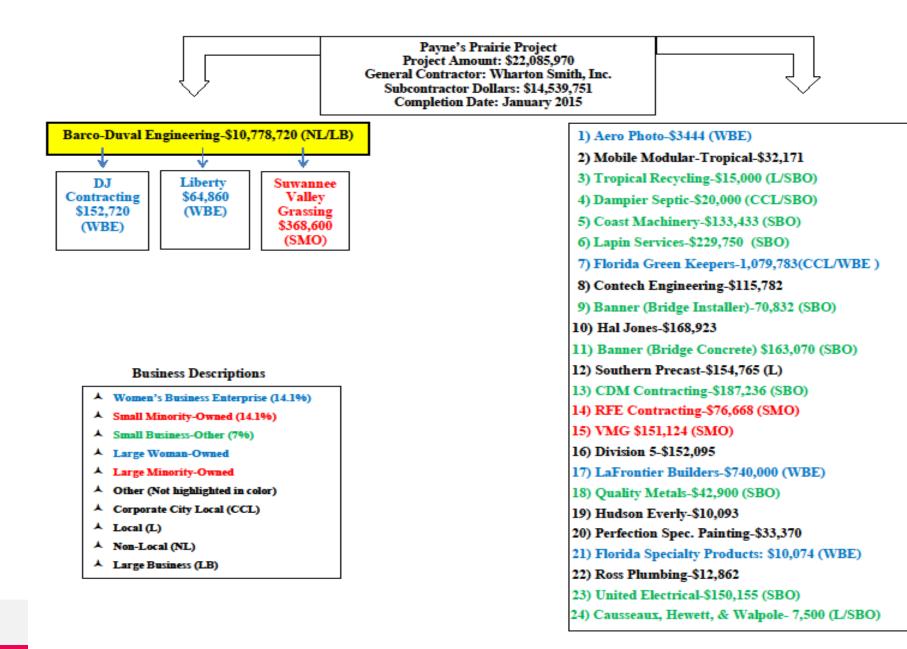




#### Business Descriptions

▲ Women's Business Enterprise (8%)
Small Minority-Owned (10%)
Small Business-Other (5%)
▲ Large Woman-Owned
Large Minority-Owned
<ul> <li>Other (Not highlighted in color)</li> </ul>
Corporate City Local (CCL)
Local (L)
Non-Local (NL)
▲ Large Business (LB)





## What are Good Faith Efforts

- **FDOT**: Good faith efforts means efforts to achieve a DBE goal or other requirement of this part which, by their scope, intensity, and appropriateness to the objective, can reasonably be expected to fulfill the program requirement.
- "Good faith effort" is an implied contractual term and it is defined as "what a reasonable person would determine is a diligent and honest effort under the same set of facts or circumstances." Troutt v. City of Lawrence, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 61641 (S.D. Ind. Aug. 8, 2008)"
- Sustained efforts made with deliberate intention to produce desired or required results. Good-faith efforts do not necessarily include due-diligence.



## EFFORT

- a) conscious exertion of power: hard work.
- b) a serious attempt
- c) something produced by exertion or trying
- d) an earnest or strenuous attempt

# **Our Promise**

### To Local Small Business Owners

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- Committed to their success, growth and development
- Provide significant opportunities for qualified local small businesses to participate on a nondiscriminatory basis in all aspects of the City's contracting and procurement programs as well as providing other needed business services.

# A New Way of Thinking...

**EFFORTS FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE** 



## THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

#### **EFFORTS FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE**

•	Attend small-
	business related
	events

- Attend pre-bid meetings
- Search various small business listings
- Host small and diverse business enterprise Open House along with Primes
- Focus on needs of small and diverse businesses
- Monitor/Track departmental efforts

- Adopt Best Practices to determine what constitutes a "good faith effort"
- Advertised in general circulation, trade association, or targeted-focus media concerning the subcontracting opportunities
- Ensure contractors advertise in general circulation, trade association, or diverse businessfocused media concerning the subcontracting opportunities

Ensure dept.'s effectively use services and resources of available diverse communities, organizations; diverse contractors' groups; local, state, and federal diverse business-focused assistance offices; and other organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of diverse business-focused enterprises

Encouraging contractors (where there lies opportunity) selected portions of the work to be performed by diverse business enterprises in order to increase small and diverse business utilization

Where appropriate, breaking down contracts into economically feasible units to facilitate small and diverse business enterprise participation.

- Offer higher point value for strategic plan of inclusion during evaluation process
- Direct focus on continuous monitoring of diverse business enterprise participation throughout project
- Technical assistance support (estimating, scheduling, project management, etc.)

# Office of Equal Opportunity

Small, Minority, Women and Service-Disabled Veteran Local Small Business Support

## How We Support Local Small & Diverse Businesses

### TRAINING

- September 9, 2019-"Accessing Capital-Getting Your Bank To Say Yes"
- September 16, 2019-"Financial Management: Projecting Cash Flow"
- September 17, 2019- Part I series "What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Business"
- September 24, 2019- Part II series "What You Don't Know Can Hurt Your Business"
- Technical assistance in preparing bids

### **OUTREACH**

- May 2, 2019-28<sup>th</sup> U.F. Annual Small Business & Opportunity Fair & Summit (Sponsor & Attendee)
- July 26, 2019- Small Business Conference & Expo in partnership with the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
- August 3,2019-Community Information Expo

## How We Support Local Small & Diverse Businesses cont.

### **Strategic Partnerships**

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- Strategic Alliance with the SBA
- SBA Day once monthly in partnership with Small Business Administration
- MOA/Partnership with Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Strategic Alliance Agreement with the Office of Supplier Diversity
- Strategic Alliance with the Gainesville Housing Authority

### **Additional Services**

- Small Business Mentoring Program
- Bid documents available at no cost

# Questions...



# **ThankYou**

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