

# SEPTA AND THE EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (EIP)

## WHAT IS EIP?

EIP strives to build a broad coalition of infrastructure agencies to take action in President Biden's goal to have more diverse firms fulfill federal, state, and local contracts spanning multiple modes of transportation/types of infrastructure. Its mission is to Build GENERATIONAL WEALTH and reduce the racial wealth gap for enterprises in communities previously left behind. Those that have signed the EIP Pledge will work to increase the number, size and percentage of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) growing to prime contractors, participating in joint ventures or as equity participants by December 2025.

## HOW IS SEPTA INVOLVED?

SEPTA is one of only five "first mover" agencies to sign the EIP Pledge and is committed to both pave the way as well as expand and grow the network.

## HOW IS SEPTA WORKING TO FULFILL THE EIP PLEDGE?

SEPTA has hit the ground running with two actions to fulfill the pledge, with more pledge actions to be announced over the coming months:

**Providing more opportunity for Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) to pursue, win and perform Contracts:** Expansion of the Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Element within SEPTA's existing DBE program by establishing a race-neutral small business set-aside for prime contracts under a stated amount. We expect the first of these contracts to be released at a micro procurement level of \$3,000 or less in October/November 2022.

**Increasing the pool of SBE Certified firms:** Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), establishing an SBE Reciprocity agreement with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

## HOW CAN I MAKE SURE I CAN BID ON THESE NEW SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE CONTRACTS?

Your company must be registered in ePS, SEPTA's electronic procurement system, and you must be a certified SBE/DBE. More information on this can be found at [www.septa.org/business](http://www.septa.org/business), under Procurement as well as DBE Program



For more information on EIP  
visit: [www.equityininfrastructure.org](http://www.equityininfrastructure.org)



Small businesses attend SEPTA's King of Prussia Rail Project Information & Contractor Networking Session – part of the City of Philadelphia's Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) October 2022



SEPTA General Manager/CEO  
Leslie S. Richards joins  
Philadelphia Mayor  
James Kenney to sign the  
EIP Pledge June 2022