HIGHLIGHTS

CPS Office of Business Diversity

Event Date: December 13, 2016
Participants

- Over 240 M/WBE Firms Attended
- 15 Prime Vendors Exhibited & Participated in Speed Networking (Education, IT, Professional Services, and Construction)
- 7 Assist and Sister Agencies
Presentation Topics

• CPS Buying Plan
• Prime Vendor Speed Networking
• Sister Agency Services
  − CHA
  − CTA
  − City of Chicago
  − Cook County (certification information)
  − IDOT
• Assist Agency Services
  − Chicago Urban League
  − HACIA
  − Women’s Business Development Center
Key Results

- Increased exposure of M/WBE firms to CPS and Prime Vendors
- Improved access between CPS and Sister Agencies
- Improved access between CPS and Assist Agencies
- Increased CPS M/WBE vendor database
- Qualified vendors submitted rates to CPS to be added to a current CPS Facilities material testing contract
Next Steps

• Establish M/WBE targeted workshops – i.e. contract bonding, certification process, insurance requirements, rfp/bidding tips

• Develop minority mentoring program – pair prime vendors with M/WBEs

• Improve M/WBE directory to enhance use on contracts

• Maintain Office of Business Diversity website