



ANNOUNCEMENT #1:

Special Secretary Rhee would like to announce a change to the MBE Reporting due dates. **Effective immediately, monthly MBE reports shall be submitted on a quarterly basis. The next report, due on Thursday, April 30, 2015, is a cumulative report covering July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.** We hope this helps alleviate some of your monthly reporting obligations. We strongly encourage the larger agencies to continue compiling reports on a monthly basis as this is still a best practice to effectively monitor MBE achievement. If GOMA needs additional information from your agency beyond the quarterly reports, we will strive to provide as much advance notice as possible.

SBR reporting remains on a quarterly basis.

ANNOUNCEMENT #2:

GOMA is developing several new training programs to promote small, minority- and women-owned business participation in State procurement. In order to better allocate our internal resources, all questions relating to contracts, procurements, payments or BPW issues should now be directed in writing to GOMA's Chantal Kai-Lewis, Manager, MBE Compliance at chantal.kai-lewis@maryland.gov (with a copy to Janice Montague or Lisa Sanford if you so desire).

MBE and SBR Reporting questions can still be directed to Lisa Sanford and Janice Montague respectively. Please note that non-MBE/SBR inquiries sent directly to Janice and Lisa will be redirected to Chantal.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Attention MBE Liaisons:
Please contact Lisa.Sanford@maryland.gov with any updates to your contact information.

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