

SUMMARY

Missing MWDBE Compliance Monitoring at MTA's Department Of Diversity and Civil Rights MTA/OIG #2014-16

In accordance with federal and state law, MTA's Department of Diversity and Civil Rights (DDCR) oversees programs aimed at increasing the participation of historically disadvantaged individuals and businesses in MTA's contracts with private companies. DDCR sets goals for Minority and Woman-Owned Enterprises (MWDBE) participation as subcontractors on most of MTA's larger contracts. By contract, each prime contractor must make "good faith efforts" to meet the goals. To ensure that certified subcontractors actually do the work and receive payment, DDCR monitors each project.

In this audit, the OIG assessed DDCR's performance in completing monitoring tasks that have the potential to detect and deter contractor fraud and other serious compliance violations. OIG examined DDCR's work on 17 completed federally-funded contracts and found that DDCR frequently does not perform one or more tasks that are required by its own procedures and critical to fraud prevention. In this report OIG makes recommendations to improve DDCR compliance monitoring and related responsibilities.

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