

# Women In Construction

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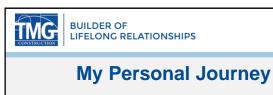


## **Agenda**

#### Introduction

- 1. My Personal Journey
- 2. WBE Certification Landscape
- 3. TMG's WBE Journey
- 4. Involving Women in the Construction Industry
- 5. Questions and Answers

## Conclusion







# **My Journey**

- Parental Influence
- School
- AIC
- DBIA
- Employers
- College Presentations
- 8(a), WBE, MBE, WOSB, DBE, LDBE, SWAM





## **WBE Certification Landscape**

- State Governments
  - Maryland (MBE Certification):
    - https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/index.aspx?pageid=90
  - Virginia (Small, Women-Owned, and Minority-Owned Business Certification):
    - https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/certification-division/swam/



# Maryland MBE Certification for Small, Minority & Disadvantaged Business

- NAICS Code size standards over five (5) years
- Personal Net Worth Cap \$1,847,024 (MD) and \$1,320,000 (USG)
- US Citizen proof
- Personal and Business federal tax returns
- FYE financial statements for business- 3 years
- Articles of Incorporation
- Stock Certificates



### **Maryland MBE Certification- Continued**

- Stock Transfer Ledger
- Minutes of Stockholder and Board of Director meetings
- Corporate Bylaws and Amendments



## **Virginia SWAM Certification**





## **Virginia SWAM Certification**

- Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business (SWAM)
- SBE: (250 or fewer employees)/Gross Receipts \$10M or less
- WBE: 51% owned, US Citizen, Management and Business Operations are controlled by one or more women
- MBE: 51% owned by one or more minority individuals, US citizens, Management and Daily Operations are controlled by minority individuals



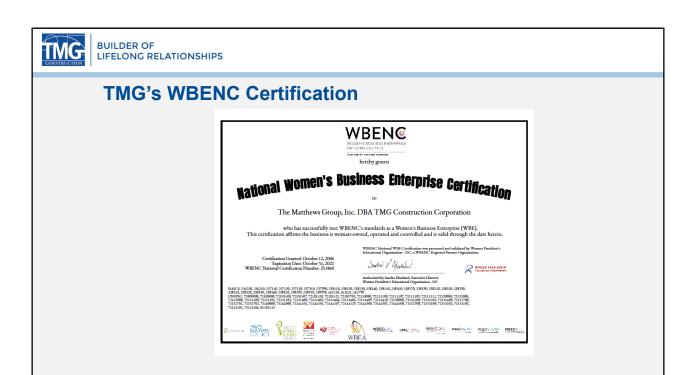
## **WBE Certifying Organizations**

- o WBENC www.wbenc.org
- o NWBOC www.nwboc.org



#### **WBENC**









#### **WBE versus WOSB**

- WBE 51% owned and controlled by a female US citizen
- WOSB must be <u>small</u> by NAICS size standard and at least 51% unconditionally and directly owned and controlled by one or more women who are US Citizens, including management and daily operation



## **Organizations**

- WBENC
- NWBOC
- NAWIC <u>www.nawic.org</u>
- CREW www.crewnetwork.org



## **Steps to Prove WBE**

- Application
- Office and Job Site Visit by Certifying Official
- Audit of Contracts
- Audit of Checks
- Personal Interview at WBE HQ Office
- Interview at State Certifying Agency (usually DOT)





## TMG's WBE Journey

- 2000-2002 8(a) application
- 2003 acceptance by SBA
- Nine year run
- Graduating Big!
- Post 8(a) Growth and Development





## **Agency Goal Attainment**

- Federal Government WBE Goal 5%
  - o Actual 4.05%
- Federal Government WOSB Goal 5%
  - o Actual 0.90%



### **Women In Construction**

- According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, nearly 90 percent of the 10.7 million people employed in the construction industry are white males (2021).
- Increasing non-white and female participation in the construction industry has been a goal of many organizations, including the US Department Of Labor for more than 40 years.



## The Diversity Imperative

- Focus Groups
- Summits
- Grants
- Publications
- Procurement Goals
- M/WBE requirements
- Manpower (person-power) shortages
- 2020 She-cession



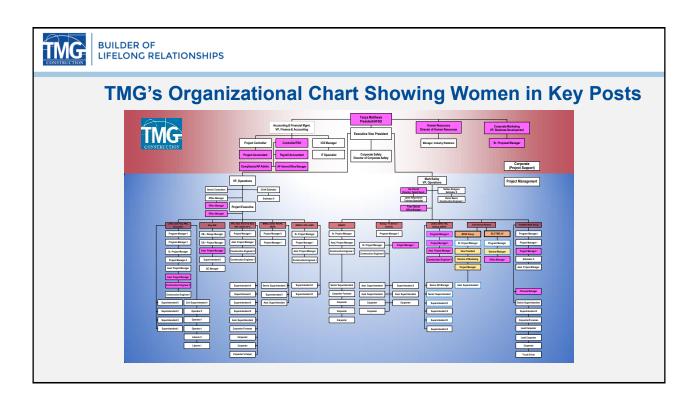
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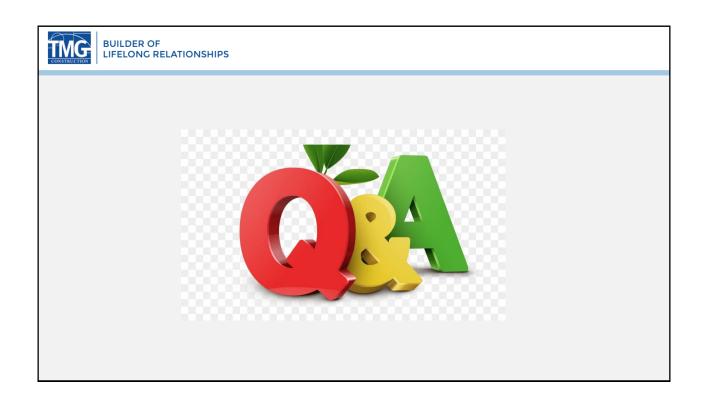
- COVID's Disproportionate Impact on Women
- School Closures
- Quarantines
- · Collapse of Child Care
- On-again, off-again Child Care
- Virtual Schooling
- Mother's Caregiving Burden for Children and Elderly Relatives
- Gender Gap in Wages
- Lack of Family-Friendly Policies/WFH Policies



## How to Increase Involvement of Women

- STEM programs
- · College mentorships
- · High school recruitment
- Publications
- Speeches
- Visibility
- Organizations
- Subcontractor Outreach
- Mentor/Protégé Programs







## Conclusion

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