

ORDINANCE No. 18-021

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A POLICY STATEMENT EXPRESSING A COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS ENTITIES AND THE HIRING OF INDIVIDUALS DEFINED AS MINORITIES, WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WITHIN THE QUAD CITIES REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE ZONE.

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority (the “Authority” or “QCREDA”) established the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority Enterprise Zone (the “QCREZ”) pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act (the “Act”), 20 ILCS 655/1 et. seq. that was certified by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on March 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the areas of the QCREZ have a disproportionate number of residents who have suffered pervasive poverty, unemployment, and economic distress related to prolonged economic transformation, shifts of industries throughout the region, and a variety of other factors that have negatively affected areas that would benefit from private sector investments with an Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of QCREDA to encourage businesses who are owned by minorities, women and persons with disabilities, as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.) to participate within the QCREZ incentive program to benefit them as business owners; and

WHEREAS, Businesses using the QCREZ benefits will be encouraged to hire individuals who are minority persons, women and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Businesses using the QCREZ benefits will be encouraged to utilize other businesses that are minority-owned, women-owned, or owned by persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Authority as follows:

Section 1. Creation of a Policy Statement for Development - The Authority hereby establishes the Policy Statement that expresses a desire for the commitment from Businesses within the Zone to encourage the development of business entities owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.); and

Section 2. Creation of a Policy Statement for Hiring - The Authority hereby establishes the policy statement that expresses a desire and commitment from businesses to promote the hiring of individuals who are minority persons, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.); and

Section 3. Creation of a Policy Statement for Using Other Businesses - The Authority hereby establishes the policy statement that expresses a desire and commitment from businesses to promote the utilization of other businesses that are minority-owned, women-owned, or owned by persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.); and

Section 4. Publish and Distribute Promotional Materials – The Authority will publish a brochure that will be provided to business owners within the QCREZ that explains the benefits of utilizing businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 6. Conduct Promotional Activities – The Authority will conduct public meetings and forums to describe the Zone benefits for businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 7. Incorporate Promotional Statement – The Authority will provide a statement on project applications, promotional materials, and QCREZ publications that encourages the use of businesses owned by and the hiring of minorities, women, and people with disabilities as defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et seq.).

Section 8. Establish the Minority, Women and Persons with Disabilities Advocate – The QCREZ will create the position of Minority, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Advocate to promote participation of firms and persons defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.).

Section 9. Establish Participation Goals – The Authority will establish annual goals and measurements of participation of firms and persons defined under the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575/0.01, et. seq.) to determine the effectiveness of these efforts and how they might be revised to optimize their impact.

Effective date: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon passage.

Approved and adopted this 14th of November, 2018.

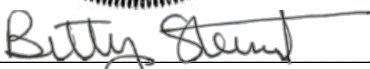




Chairman

November 14, 2018

Date

Attest: 
Secretary