

# Chicago Transit Authority

## Red Line Extension Project

### Short-listed Prime Contractors

# The Role of CTA Diversity Programs

## We Advocate For Small Businesses

The mission of Diversity Programs is to create an environment of diversity, equity, and inclusion by promoting dialogue with the contracting community and other stakeholders that will improve the CTA's ability to level the playing field and establish diversity as a critical component of the CTA's contracting practices.





# Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

CTA's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program is a race/gender- neutral program in compliance with the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Regulations (49 CFR Part 26)

- Foster small business participation
- Help eliminate barriers to participation of small businesses on CTA contracts.

The CTA uses the SBE Program to set-aside select contracts and create prime contracting opportunities for SBE firms to compete

- Contracts estimated at \$5MM or less
- Competitive pool of certified SBE



# SBE Contracts Awarded 2013- Present

Over **100** set aside contracts awarded valued at over **\$61MM** to over **57** unique firms

- 8 construction contracts for over \$10MM
- 79 professional services contracts for over \$46MM
- 17 supply contracts for over \$5MM



# Certification

## Accepted Certifications

- CTA (DBE/SBE)
- Metra (DBE/SBE)
- Pace (DBE/SBE)
- City of Chicago (DBE)
- Illinois Department of Transportation (DBE)
- SEPTA



# Building DBE Capacity

- DBE Advisory Committee
  - Formed in 2016
  - Solicits feedback from DBEs, prime contractors, and small business advocacy groups known as “assist agencies” such as Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA), Black Contractors Owners & Executives (BCOE), and Federation of Women Contractors (FWC)
- Innovative Contract Language
  - Diversity Outreach Plan as part of proposal evaluation
  - Separate DBE goals for design and construction on design/build contracts
  - DBE goals on each task-order issued under task-order based contracts
- DBE Outreach
  - CTA-hosted Meet-and-Greet events held for primes and DBE partnering opportunities



# Building Small Businesses Program

- Financial Management
- Access to capital sourcing
- Technical Assistance
- Back Office Support



- **250+** participating small businesses
- **\$12M** in financing awarded to small businesses
- **30+** small businesses financed
- **114** small businesses receiving technical assistance





# Small Business Educational Series



- 9-week training series designed to enable small businesses to build the capacity to become primes on CTA contracts
- Facilitated by industry leaders
- Over 65 graduates since 2017



# Doing Business With CTA

## How To Prepare For Upcoming Opportunities

- Register as a vendor with CTA: <https://cta.dbesystem.com/>
- Apply for DBE certification
- Procurement Portal: <https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com>

## Networking Events

Meet with prime contractors on CTA projects and begin to build valuable business relationships



# Diversity Contact Information



<https://www.facebook.com/thecta>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-transit-authority/>





## Red Line Extension

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## Project Scope

- 5.6-mile heavy rail extension
- Four new stations:
  - 103rd Street (near Eggleston)
  - 111th Street (near Eggleston)
  - Michigan Avenue (near 116th Street)
  - 130th Street (at Altgeld Gardens)
- Multimodal connections at each station including bus, bike, pedestrian, and park & ride facilities
- Train storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street



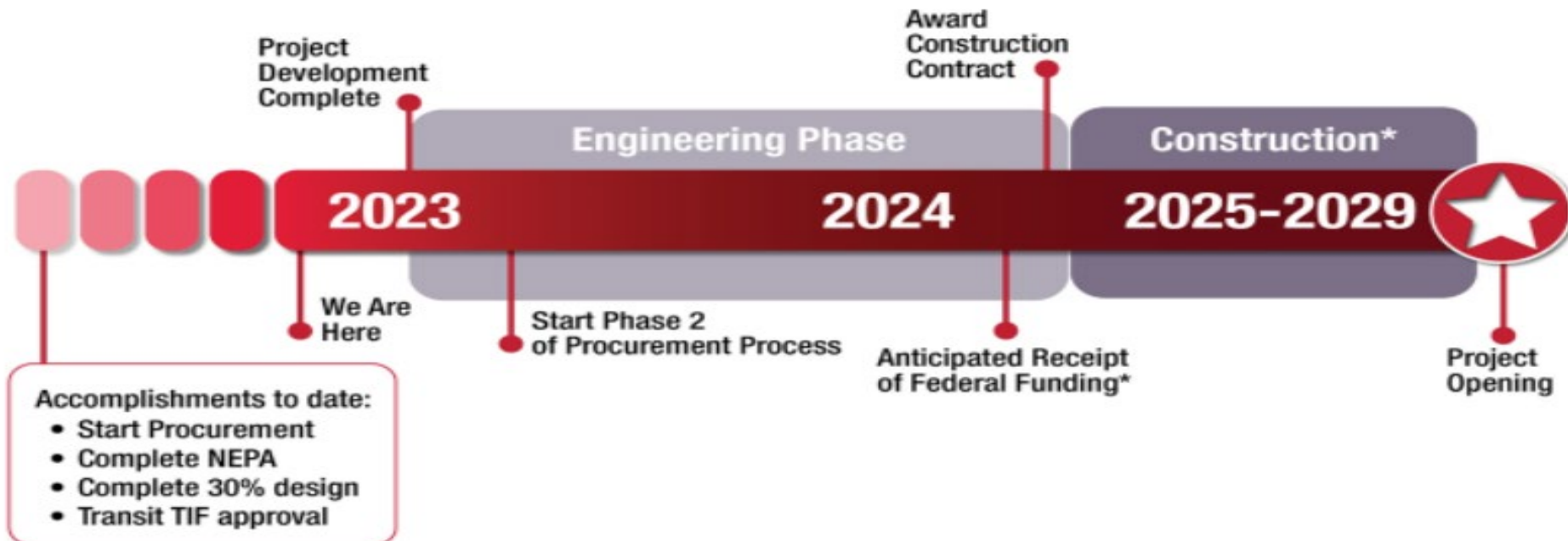
## Anticipated Project Schedule

Unprecedented Opportunity for Transit Equity

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### Project Schedule



Note: Milestones dependent on funding and approvals.  
\*Exact dates subject to further refinement as project advances.

## RLE Design-Build Short-List Contractors

- FH Paschen, Ragnar Benson, Millhouse and BOWA Joint Venture
- Kiewit Infrastructure Company
- Walsh VINCI Transit Community Partners
  - Request for Proposals (RFP)
    - To be issued to short-list firms this month-June 2023.
    - Expected to be awarded Q4 2024.
- Scope: Final design and construction of mainline ROW, structures, tracks, signal system, traction power system, stations and parking facilities

Opportunities will include trade work and professional services.



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# Questions?