



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

History of Minority Business Development and Supplier Diversity Time Line **50th Anniversary** **1969 – 2019**

- 1968** Urban League of Lexington–Fayette County chartered
- 1969** President Richard Nixon issued Executive Order 11458, establishing the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE)
- 1971** President Nixon issued Executive Order 11625 expanding the scope of OMBE and authorizing grants to provide technical and management assistance for minority business enterprises (MBEs)
- 1972** National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) established in Chicago
- 1975** The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) established
- 1979** National Women’s Business Executive Order 12138 signed by President Carter
- 1983** President Reagan designates the first week of October as National Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week).
- 1990** Kentucky Utilities/Louisville Gas and Electric (KU/LGE) develops minority and women-owned business policy
- 1991** Resolution 167–91 passes Lexington–Fayette Urban County Council (LFUCG) establishing a 10% DBE Goal for contracts
- 1994** Mayor Pam Miller appoints Janet Givens to oversee minority business inclusion
- 1995** The National Women Business Owner’s Corporation formed (NWBOC) to certify women-owned businesses
- 1995** Blue Grass Airport launches supplier diversity program
- 1995** Commerce Lexington creates first position to focus on minority business development
- 1997** The Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) was founded to develop and certify women-owned businesses
- 2000** President Clinton signed Executive Order 13157 to increase opportunities for women-owned small businesses (WOSB)

- 2001 Commerce Lexington Access Loan Program established
- 2001 Billion Dollar Roundtable (BDR) established to recognize private corporations that spend \$1 billion dollars annually with diverse businesses
- 2002 Lexington Bluegrass Area Minority Business Expo first conference
- 2003 Chamber trip to Baltimore included first general session on minority business development
- 2004–2007 Urban League/Commerce Lexington partnership leads to over 50% minority inclusion on construction of Thomas & King restaurants
- 2004 President Bush issued Executive Order 13360 to increase federal contracting with service-disabled veteran businesses with a 3% goal
- 2006 Messer Construction starts supplier diversity program
- 2007 National Veteran-Owned Business Association (NaVOBA) established
- 2009 KCTCS strategic plan includes diversity and global awareness
- 2009 University of Kentucky creates position devoted to diverse business development
Women's Business Council Ohio River Valley (WBEC ORV) established to serve women businesses in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia
- 2010 President Barack Obama signed Executive Order 13540 to establish Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development
- 2010 LFUCG creates Minority Business Enterprise Liaison position
- 2010 Small Business Development Center (SBDC) kicks off Lexington Minority and Women Contractor Training Program
- 2011 Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) creates Manager Economic Development and Supplier Diversity position
- 2011 KCTCS has first Supplier Diversity Fair
- 2013 Commerce Lexington Minority Business Accelerator launched
- 2014 TriState Minority Supplier Development Council (TSMSSDC) begins serving businesses in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia
- 2015 LFUCG passes Resolution 319-2015 including a 3% Goal Plan for Veteran and Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses
- 2016 TSMSSDC launches Centers of Excellence Program with 9 corporates and 20 businesses; seen as a national model for minority business development
- 2017 FCPS includes Veterans in Economic Inclusion Policy 04.32
LFUCG passes Resolution 484-2017 Amended and Restated Goal Plan
- 2019 Fayette County Schools produced video commemorating the 50 Year History of Supplier Diversity in Lexington