



# Broward County

## Legislation Text

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### **Broward County Commission Regular Meeting**

**Director's Name:** Dale V.C. Holness

**Department:** County Commission

### Information

#### **Requested Action**

**MOTION TO DIRECT** Office of the County Attorney, in consultation with the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD), to draft an Ordinance to create a local business preference program for businesses that have been designated as graduates from the County Business Enterprise Program. (Mayor Holness)

#### **Why Action is Necessary**

Board direction is required for the Office of the County Attorney, in consultation with OESBD, to draft an Ordinance amending the Broward County Code of Ordinances.

#### **What Action Accomplishes**

Directs the Office of the County Attorney to draft an Ordinance creating an additional local business preference program.

#### **Is this Action Goal Related**

No

#### **Previous Action Taken**

#### **Summary Explanation/Background**

Under the Broward County Business Opportunity Act of 2012, a non-construction business is eligible to be certified as a County Business Enterprise (CBE) if the business has annual average gross receipts no greater than \$5,000,000 calculated over the previous three calendar years. A construction firm can be certified as a CBE if the business has annual average gross receipts no greater than \$9,000,000 calculated over the previous three calendar years. Certified CBE firms that exceed these gross revenue calculations are deemed to be graduates of the CBE Program. Currently, aside from limited, potentially applicable benefits under the County's local business preference ordinance, CBE Program graduates enjoy no additional preference, and these local firms are required to compete for County contracts on equal footing with larger multi-national companies that have fewer connections to the community.

The proposed Ordinance would create a local business preference program for CBE graduates. This local business preference program would provide to our home-grown businesses an intermediate support program to allow them to continue to develop.

**Source of Additional Information**

Heidi Richards, Chief of Staff, District 9, 954-357-7009

**Fiscal Impact**

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary**

To be determined by the Office of Management and Budget upon presentation of a draft Ordinance.