



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 11:00 AM**

**Fourth Set**

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**Sponsored by:** SEAN M. MORRISON, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI and EDWARD M. MOODY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****ADMONISHING THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITALS SYSTEM (CCHHS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MASSIVE LACK OF AFRICAN AMERICAN-OWNED BUSINESS FIRMS CONTRACTED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH & HOSPITALS SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Health & Hospitals System's mission is to deliver integrated health services with dignity and respect regardless of a patient's ability to pay; foster partnerships with other health providers and communities to enhance the health of the public; and advocate for policies that promote the physical, mental and social well-being of the people of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System Supply Chain Management Department is to create a high-performing Supply Chain Management Procurement function by strategically sourcing quality goods and services across all major spend categories, effectively managing supplier relationships and realizing contracted performance and cost savings throughout the health system; and

**WHEREAS**, as a public entity, the Cook County Health & Hospitals System Supply Chain Management Department should welcome all suppliers to participate in the open bidding and RFP process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Health & Hospitals System awarded \$165,119,678 million dollars in contracts for FY2017 (through October 24, 2017) according to data provided by the Cook County Office of Contract Compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of \$32,311,732 million dollars or 20% of contracts was awarded by CCHHS to MBE/WBE businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, an alarming and unacceptable number of zero contracts were awarded to African American Prime Vendors by CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, an equally alarming number of only \$3,458,431 million dollars or 2% of contracts were awarded to African American Subcontractors by CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners have been vigilant advocates for fair and equitable participation for MBE/WBE businesses with Cook County government and CCHHS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners find the FY2017 contract participation numbers for African American businesses with CCHHS, both Primes and Subs, to be totally unacceptable and will

no longer tolerate this kind of economic inadequacies; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners that this Resolution serve as a formal request to Cook County Health & Hospitals Systems Board of Directors and its Administration to take immediate and necessary steps to initiate actions to rectify this most critical economic issue for the African American business community.