

CITY OF AUSTIN

COMMODITY CODES CROSSWALK PROJECT

Presentation to MBE/WBE & Small Business
Enterprise Procurement
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Key Project Objectives

- Establish methodical relationships between City Bid Items and commodity code selections.
- Increase the accuracy and consistency of commodity codes used in conjunction with project trade summaries.
- Improve participation of Certified Minority and Women Owner Business Enterprises.

Vertical vs. Horizontal Construction

Cross-Walk = Translation Between Commodity Codes



Horizontal Projects (SBI to NIGP)

- Completed preliminary bid item component breakdowns for 12 identified standard bid items.
- Review preliminary bid item components and percentages with City stakeholders.
- Received comments from City stakeholders regarding bid item components and percentages.

Vertical Projects (CSI to NIGP)

- Periscope built initial crosswalk of NIGP Codes to CSI Codes.
- Reviewed the mapped and unmapped items with Public Works.
- Reviewed NIGP Codes with recent City contracting and compared to codes in initial crosswalk.
- Periscope and LAN developed a strategy to produce a CSI-NIGP Code Crosswalk.
- Organized the City's utilized NIGP codes into 3 categories:
 - NIGP codes applicable to construction with related CSI code
 - NIGP codes not applicable to construction or no related CSI code
 - Codes not registered with NIGP

Recommendations for Moving Forward

Horizontal Projects:

- Coordinate the initial 12 preliminary Standard Bid Item crosswalks with internal project stakeholders to finalize initial 12 crosswalks.
- Continue crosswalk effort for approximately 40-45 additional standard bid items methodology established through above coordination.
- Pilot test crosswalk on completed construction projects.
- Seek public input from contractors and external stakeholders.
- Analyze number of additional standard bid item crosswalks needed for City projects.

Recommendations for Moving Forward

Vertical Projects:

- Identify NIGP Codes utilized by M/WBE vendors for which no contracting activity exists; work with City on communication to the vendor community.
- Conduct internal stakeholder group meeting to review crosswalk and discuss impact of 5-digit vs. 7-digit approach.
- Seek external stakeholder input on the initial crosswalk.
- Adjust crosswalk based on feedback.
- Discuss implementation considerations with IT and other stakeholders.
- Identify test cases with the city and assess the crosswalk's impact on the test cases (in conjunction with SMBR).

NEXT STEPS