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Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises MWBE Policy Statement November, 2011

In accordance with State law and policy set forth in Article 15-A of the New York State Executive Law, the 2010 Business Diversification Act (5 NYCRR Parts 140-144), it is the policy of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to ensure that Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) are afforded equal opportunity and equitable participation in all DCJS-managed procurements.

As Commissioner of DCJS, I am committed to ensuring that the agency will take affirmative measures that effectively implement this policy. It is the goal of DCJS to fully implement an enhanced MWBE Program. We realize that MWBE efforts must become a shared responsibility of all staff having any involvement with procurement. As such, measures are being designed to increase MWBE participation and these must become fully incorporated into the agency's day-to-day procurement processes.

Our vision is to provide the resources and guidance necessary to ensure the development and utilization of qualified business firms owned by minority group members and/or women through contracting, subcontracting, commodity procurement and other professional services.

The DCJS MWBE Program will be managed by our MWBE Coordinator located in the Bureau of Financial Services. It is the responsibility of the coordinator to establish guidelines and procedures to enhance MWBE utilization and compliance throughout the agency -- and will also be responsible for policy, oversight, guidance, technical assistance and coordination of DCJS' MWBE efforts.

Inquiries regarding DCJS' MWBE program may be directed to the MWBE Program Coordinator at (518) 485-1825.

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Acting Commissioner
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