

KENNEWICK PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

- *THREE RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION GC/CM PROJECT W/ASSP FOR EC/CM & MC/CM*

1. In the case of design entities retained, how did they mitigate the challenge of participation and what percentage of Minority and Women owned businesses have they attained as of now on the project?

Currently, ALSC Architects P.S. is the only design entity retained for this project. Although ALSC is not a registered Minority and Women owned business, the ownership of the firm is currently 30% Minority/Women, and ALSC's staff of 41 includes 26 Minority/Women, 9 of which are in firm leadership positions.

Selection of the remaining design entities needed for this project will be led by ALSC with input from the Kennewick Public Facilities District and Turner & Townsend Heery. The design consultant selection process will be part of the overall MWBE Outreach program for this project as described in our application package. Our team has met with the local representative for Washington APEX Accelerator through the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce for guidance on best practices for reaching out to local/regional disadvantaged businesses. Our team will also meet with the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for further guidance. Finally, our team is planning an open house which will be advertised in English and Spanish to showcase the project and attract local/regional disadvantaged businesses.

ALSC has already reached out to MWBE firms they have worked with on previous projects and so far, has received interest from two women-owned firms in participating in this project by providing LEED certification and specification writing services.