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Michael J. Garner, MBA, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), is a champion of the diversity market, making it his personal and professional mission to create a more diverse business industry, by empowering emerging and established New York State certified Minority, Women-owned and MTA certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises across New York State through educational programming and access to increased procurement opportunities.

Since arriving at the MTA in 2010, Mr. Garner has designed one of the country's leading MWDBE Business Development Programs. As architect of the MTA's Small Business Mentoring Program (SBMP), Mr. Garner has penetrated the largest transportation authority in North America with a pragmatic, results-driven construction mentoring program that continues to break the barriers for minority, women, disadvantaged and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses in New York State, that otherwise would not have contract opportunities in transportation. To date, more than **\$400 million** has been awarded through the MTA's Small Business Mentoring Program in direct prime contracts to program participants.

Overall, through the MTA's MWDBE/SDVOB programs, the results speak for themselves, since Mr. Garner's arrival in 2009, more than **\$3.5 billion** have been paid to New York State certified MWBEs. Overall, during Mr. Garner's tenures at the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), the New York City School Construction Authority (SCA), and now the MTA, Mr. Garner and his teams have been responsible for more than **\$10 Billion** being awarded to certified MWDBE/SDVOBs.

Mr. Garner has had a real impact on the MTA, but his work and vision does not end there. Mr. Garner is an active member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem. In addition, he also serves as President of the Founding Chapter of One Hundred Black Men, providing scholarship, mentorship and inspiration to hundreds of youth in the New York City area. Mr. Garner is frequently called upon to serve as an advisor to many public agencies as well as the private sector. Mr. Garner is the former Treasurer of the New York/New Jersey Minority Supplier Development Council, currently serves on the board of Harlem Hospital and advises numerous U.S. cities and states on their minority business development and inclusion programs. Mr. Garner served on Governor Andrew Cuomo's MWBE Team, Mayor Bill DeBlasio's MWBE Advisory Committee and now serves as a member of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's MWBE Advisory Council.