



METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT RETIREMENT FUND

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December 18, 2024

The Honorable JB Pritzker
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

Pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 40, Act 5, Article 1, Section 109.1, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund (the Fund) respectfully submits our annual report regarding the utilization of MWDBE investment managers and broker-dealers. All information contained in this report is as of September 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

The Fund recognizes the importance of racial, ethnic, and gender diversity in all areas. Our Board of Trustees is 50% minority and women. At the consultant level, both the Managing Director and supporting Vice President on the account are minorities.

As a percentage of actively managed assets, as of 9/30/24 MWDBE firms represented over 31% of Fund assets. Please refer to Exhibit A for additional current information on the Fund’s MWDBE investment managers.

YTD trading activity as 9/30/24 with MWDBE Brokerage Firms, compared to previous year, reflects:

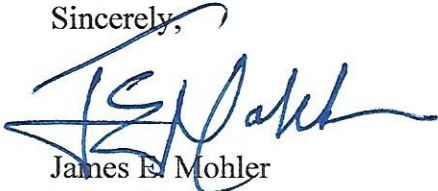
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Domestic Equity	56%	46%
International Equity	32%	30%
Global Equity	51%	40%
Fixed Income	29%	36%

In all areas, the Fund’s managers have met or exceeded the established goals regarding the utilization of MWDBE broker dealers. The Board will review these utilization goals annually. Our Trustees continue to encourage the Fund’s investment managers to increase the use minority broker-dealers, subject to best execution. Broker-Dealer utilization goals and YTD commissions can be found in Exhibit B.

In addition to Exhibits A & B, you will find the following Fund policies: Minority Investment Manager Utilization Policy, Investment Services Procurement Policy, and Broker/Dealer Policy.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Mohler", written over a horizontal line.

James E. Mohler
Executive Director

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CC: Honorable Emanuel Chris Welch, House Speaker
Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President

Exhibit A

Investment Managers	Address	MWDBE Status	Market Value as of 11/30/24	% of Active Assets as of 11/30/24
MWDBE Firms:				
Ramirez Asset Management	61 Broadway, 29th Floor New York, NY 10006	M	\$74,201,598	7.7%
Ariel Investments	200 E. Randolph Drive, Suite 2900 Chicago, Illinois 60601	M	\$88,867,149	9.2%
EARNEST Partners	1180 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 2300 Atlanta, GA 30309	M	\$54,047,894	5.6%
Brightwood Capital	810 Seventh Avenue, 26th Floor New York, NY 10019	M	\$26,063,569	2.7%
Garcia Hamilton & Associates	1401 McKinney, Suite 1600 Houston, TX 77010	M	\$55,714,177	5.8%
Total MWDBE managed			\$298,894,387	30.9%
Active Fund Assets			\$966,569,339	
Total Fund Assets			\$1,617,193,915	

Exhibit B

Domestic Equity Brokerage Commissions	YTD 9/30/24	% to MWDBE Firms
Total Commissions paid to MWDBE Firms	\$ 71,706	55.7%
Total Commissions	\$ 128,810	
% Policy Goal		40%

International Equity Brokerage Commissions	YTD 9/30/24	% to MWDBE Firms
Total Commissions paid to MWDBE Firms	\$ 22,864	31.7%
Total Commissions	\$ 72,132	
% Policy Goal		20%

Global Equity Brokerage Commissions	YTD 9/30/24	% to MWDBE Firms
Total Commissions paid to MWDBE Firms	\$ 4,882	51.1%
Total Commissions	\$ 9,549	
% Policy Goal		30%

Fixed Income Par Traded	YTD 9/30/24	% to MWDBE Firms
Total Par Traded with MWDBE Firms	\$ 97,976,710	28.6%
Total Par Traded	\$ 342,212,863	
% Policy Goal		25%