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**The Dr. P. Phillips Orlando Performing Arts Center
 Statement of MBE/WBE Commitment**

The Dr. P. Phillips Orlando Performing Arts Center is a community facility whose mission is to serve Central Florida's diverse population. Consistent with its goals, the Dr. Phillips Arts Center is committed to utilizing Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises (MBEs/WBEs) in the design and construction phases of the project. In addition, the arts center is committed to offer long-term business opportunities to local residents, MBEs/WBEs, and local business throughout its operations.

The Dr. Phillips Arts Center embraces Chapter 57 of the City Code, which supports the involvement of organizations whose primary focus is to increase opportunities for MBE/WBE firms and to ensure that MBE/WBE contractors and local area contractors are aware of opportunities in a timely manner. In addition, the Dr. Phillips Arts Center will work with the City of Orlando to promote local MBE/WBE procurement seminars and conferences.

In addition to complying with City Code, the Dr. Phillips Arts Center will submit quarterly reports in a format acceptable to the City of Orlando and its MBE/WBE Department, documenting MBE/WBE firms used, their scopes of work, dollar value of contracts, work performed to date, and dollar amounts paid to date.

Throughout the design and construction phases of the project, the Dr. Phillips Arts Center and Hines, its development partner, will assist MBE/WBE firms through mentoring, partnering, joint ventures, and strategic alliances. This assistance will enable MBE/WBE firms to learn and grow as they participate in this legacy project for the Central Florida community. Examples of specific assistance include a comprehensive communications plan relating to contracting procedures and a program to support collaborative efforts between subcontractors and MBE/WBE firms.

In conclusion, the Dr. Phillips Arts Center believes that a center built for Central Florida's broad community must be built and operated in partnership with the same community. The development and economic growth of MBE/WBE firms will benefit the design and construction of the Dr. Phillips Arts Center while providing the community with a facility that will serve Central Florida for the next 100 years.

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