



**Office of  
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Friends,

September 15 – October 15, 2020, Palm Beach County and Office of Equal Business Opportunity celebrates the contributions made by Hispanic and Latin American business owners. You profoundly influence our community through your hard work and service. The Hispanic community continues to make a difference in our county's culture and economy.

Hispanic Americans account for the largest minority group in this country, this group is an integral part of this nation's economy. There are nearly 5M Hispanic owned companies in the US. These companies account for more than \$709B in sales revenue. Of the nearly 170,000 small businesses in Palm Beach County, almost 60,000 are minority owned. The Office of Equal Business Opportunity exists to ensure equitable participation of Small/Minority/Women Business Enterprises in Palm Beach County's procurement process. As you know, we procure services as we build facilities, roads and bridges and we also seek to procure goods of all types to meet the needs of our internal and external clients. We encourage you to engage in the process and to learn more about the programs and services offered by the OEBO.

The Office of Equal Business Opportunity is committed to ensuring participation and utilization of certified Hispanic businesses as well as those seeking to be certified to do business with Palm Beach County. We will grow the number of Hispanic owned companies doing business with the county and we cannot do that without you. I look forward to building a strong relationship with the Hispanic American business community. ¡Tu voz es importante!

Sincerely,

Tonya Davis Johnson, Director  
Palm Beach County Office of Equal Business Opportunity