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MTA HONORED WITH LOS ANGELES BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION AWARD

The MTA has received the Los Angeles Black Business Association's Government Agency Award.

The Los Angeles Black Business Association (BBA) is a local business group with an affiliation of more than 5,000 members.

The award recognized the efforts extended by MTA's Equal Opportunity programs to foster African American economic development. In 1997, the MTA competitively awarded contracts valued at more than \$32.5 million to minority and women owned firms, with approximately \$8 million (or 25 percent) earmarked for African American businesses.

Services rendered by these contracts included the supply of various construction and electrical materials for the Metro Red Line extension to North Hollywood and MTA bus divisions, uniforms for MTA mechanics, and computer support services within the Gateway headquarters.

"I am pleased and delighted that the hard work of the MTA is being acknowledged by the Los Angeles Black Business Association's Government Agency Award," said Supervisor and MTA Vice Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. "The MTA's Equal Opportunity programs are an especially important part of its outreach to the richly diverse population of Los Angeles County."

More than 1,300 minority and women owned businesses are certified to do business with MTA. Approximately 300 (or 23 percent) of these businesses are owned by African Americans.

The award was presented at the BBA's 24th Annual Awards Dinner on Feb. 25, 1998.

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