

**Bradenton, FL, January 6, 2021** – Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce (MBCC) and University of South Florida (USF) announce their partnership in the Office of Supplier Diversity. The Office of Supplier Diversity works to connect small-, minority-, women-, and veteranowned businesses to opportunities within USF and provide educational tools and resources to promote the economic development and sustainability of diverse businesses in the Tampa Bay region. This office works closely with USF purchasing agents, departmental buyers, and the Facilities, Planning and Construction department. The Assistant Vice President is responsible for monitoring, implementing, progress tracking and adjustments to the university's diverse business utilization plan.

It is the belief of MBCC that building relationships and advocating for our small and black-owned businesses should be the core of what we do. We continue to meet with USF and review various policies and procedures as it relates to the Office of Supplier Diversity. It has been a great pleasure working with Terrie Daniel, Assistant Vice President of University of South Florida Office of Supplier Diversity and her team.

We know that access to resources can mean the difference between success and failure to a small business. Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce along with University of South Florida and other community partners, look forward to being a bold voice of business as we play an active role in representing the interests of small businesses in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Join us as we change our community, one business at a time.