

T Transportation Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date May 14, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT
Program 2010 – 2013 Goal

Proposed Action:

That the Council approve a goal of 15% for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program for 2010 – 2013.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity, presented this item and answered questions pertaining to who establishes the DBE goals in different instances and on what types of contracts apply to these DBE goals. Kirkpatrick presented four options, each of which lead to approximately the same conclusion of a 15% goal. As a clarification to a question from Steffen, Kirkpatrick stated that the federal government provides the methodology by which to reach a goal, but not an expectation of what the goal must be.

Aguilar commended the DBE staff for their work and made the motion to approve Option 1 presented by Kirkpatrick, Steffen seconded the motion. With Aguilar's approval and withdrawal of his original motion, Councilmember Leppik suggested amended wording to the motion and made the motion as stated above, seconded by Beach.

Motion passed.

Hearing no objection, Chair Leppik stated that this item could proceed to the full Council as a Consent Item.

Business Item

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Item: 2010-126

Meeting date: May 10, 2010

For Metropolitan Council Meeting May 26, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	April 26, 2010
Subject:	Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2010 – 2013 Goal
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 49 Part 26
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Wanda Kirkpatrick, Director Equal Opportunity, 651-602-1085 Pat Calder, Sr. EO Consultant, 612-349-7463 Aaron Koski, Sr. EO Consultant, 651-602-1426
Division/Department:	Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity/Regional Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2010 - 2013 Goal for submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). There are options from which the Council can choose. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity (ODEO) staff recommends the Council approve the DBE Program goal of 15% for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Background

Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) *USDOT* Program 2010 – 2013 Goal:

Chapter 49 part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires USDOT funding recipients who anticipate awarding \$250,000 or more in prime contracts in a federal fiscal year to timely publish a proposed overall goal and submit the goal to the appropriate USDOT Operating Administration. The Council receives funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration and the FTA. The Council has previously prepared and submitted its DBE Program document to the FTA. The Council follows the methodology prescribed in 49 part 26.

Rationale

The DBE Program document will be forwarded to USDOT with a request to approve an overall Council DBE goal. The goal represents a percentage of all USDOT assisted contracts (exclusive of funds to be used for the purchase of Transit vehicles) that the Council will work to expend in DOT assisted contracts in the forthcoming Federal fiscal years (2010 - 2013). This goal does not include any funding for the Central Corridor Light Rail project.

Once approved, an announcement of the Council Goal will be published in the local media and minority publications through the Office of Communication. A stakeholders meeting will also be held to answer questions concerning the goal methodology from the DBE community.

Staff will present options for the Council in choosing the USDOT DBE goal. Each is set forth as options in accordance with 49 CFR 26.

Funding

The setting of the USDOT DBE goal does not affect the ODEO budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.