

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
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Information Item

The Metropolitan Council is committed to including businesses owned and controlled by women, minorities and other disadvantaged individuals as vendors for Council business. The Council receives funding assistance from two federal entities that have Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs (DBE). In both programs the Council historically has achieved and in some cases exceeded expected goals. This year is no exception. With half of the years data calculated we are on target to achieve the USDOT funded project goal. For the EPA-PFA funded projects the Council continues to lead all state recipients in goal achievement.

USDOT- FTA: The federal fiscal year (FFY) 2007 DBE goal is 17%. Project specific goals can vary depending on the number of DBE businesses ready, willing and able to do the work. The DBE utilization achieved for the FFY 2007:

Reporting Quarters	Prime Contracts Completed*	\$ Value of Prime Contracts	DBE \$ Expected	Actual \$ Paid to DBE'S	% DBE Utilization Achieved
1 st & 2 nd Q 2006-2007	4	\$2,145,841.47	\$349,661.41	\$302,025.79	14.07%
3 rd & 4 th Q 2006-2007	*	*	*	*	*
Cumulative Total	4	\$2,145,841.47	\$349,661.41	\$302,025.79	14.07%

In FFY 2006, the overall FTA DBE utilization achieved was 16% of a 16.5% goal.

EPA – PFA: The Council receives funds via the EPA revolving loan program that is administered by the Public Facilities Authority (PFA). Program goals or "fair share" target percentages for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) participation are established by PFA. Currently each loan agreement has its own goal. Some goals overlap the loan agreement. The Council is operating under four goal sets. The goals range from 3.5% to 19% depending on the loan agreement. Achievement varies depending on the age of the loan agreement. For example one goal is combined M/WBE set at 8%. For FFY 2007 the goal achievement is 5.12%.

* This information is calculated at the end of the fourth quarter.