

M Management Committee

Meeting date: August 22, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	August 22, 2007
Subject:	Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program FFY 2008 Goal
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Code of Federal Regulation Chapter 49 part 26
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Division/Department:	Office of Diversity & Equal Opportunity/ Regional Administration

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program FFY 2008 Goal of 17 % for submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Issue(s)

Federal Regulations require the Council to establish and submit a DBE goal to the US Department of Transportation (DOT).

Overview

Staff recommends a DBE goal of 17% for Federal Fiscal Year 2008. This 17% goal will apply to all DOT assisted contracts executed from 10-1-07 through 9-30-08 except transit vehicles and the Central Corridor Light Rail project (goals will be set separately for the CC project.)

Outreach is important to ensure success in meeting these goals. Once approved, the goal will be distributed to local media and minority publications. Staff maintains an ongoing highly visible and interactive relationship with the minority contracting community. Stakeholders include organizations such as the National Association of Minority Contractors, the Association of Women Contractors, the Association of General Contractors and the Ethnic Chambers of Commerce. A stakeholders meeting will be held to communicate the FFY 08 goal and to encourage participation by members of the minority community.

To calculate the goal, the Council uses the methodology required by federal regulations. The calculation takes into account the availability of ready, willing and able DBE contractors in the region and recent Council history. DBE participation can occur through our normal procurement processes (race neutral) or through specific marketing (race conscious.) Any amount achieved above the annual goal is assumed by the FTA procedure to result from race neutral processes. Below is a table of recent history and this year's goal.

Metropolitan Council DBE Goal Achievement

FFY	Goal			Results		
	Race Neutral	Race Conscious	Total	Race Neutral	Race Conscious	Total
2004	2%	12%	14%	8.2%	14%	22.2%
2005	3%	13.5%	16.5%	.2%	16.5%	16.7%
2006	3%	13.5%	16.5%	0%	16%	16%
2007	3%	14%	17%			9.39%*
2008 proposed	2%	15%	17%			

*First quarter only

DBE Goals for similar Transit Agencies

Transit Agency	2005 DBE Goal	2006 Goal	2007 Goal
Pittsburgh (SEPTA)	3.8%	14.9%	14%
Cleveland (RTA)	N/A	22.8%	17%
Portland (Metro)	11.4%	13.4%	9.9
Seattle(King City)	N/A	12.7%	16.0
Minneapolis (MC)	16.5%	16.5%	17%

MnDOT	9.6%	6.7%	***
MAC	17.0%	17.0%	17.0%

*SEPTA 2008 goal is 14%

***MnDOT's goal is under review at the Federal level