

## Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee Action Item III-B

May 10, 2007

#### Federal FY08 Annual DBE Goal

#### Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information	Resolution: ☐ Yes ⊠ No

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this action is to seek approval of the 45-day period for public comment regarding the proposed Annual DBE Goal for Federal FY08. This is in compliance with the FTA regulations for federal fund recipients, which require a public comment period prior to final adoption of the annual goal.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Transportation, under 49 CFR, Part 26, requires all recipients of Federal funds to establish an annual goal for DBE participation on federally-funded contracts. WMATA will be informing the public of the proposed goal by holding a public comment period from May 25 through July 9, 2007. There will be a public meeting on July 9, 2007. The Department of Transportation has adopted a formula to calculate the annual goal. Staff utilized the formula and asked the Department of Transportation to review the formula and methodology prior to preparation of the proposed goal. The empirical data was generated from the WMATA Uniform Certification Program Directory of Certified DBE vendors, the WMATA Vendor Registration System and the 2002 U. S. Census data on businesses.

#### **FUNDING IMPACT**

The FTA requires an annual DBE goal as part of the certifications and assurances necessary to receive grant funding.

#### RECOMMENDATION

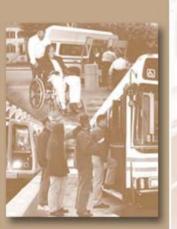
That the Board of Directors approve the 45-day period for public comment on the proposed FY08 DBE Goal.

## Federal FY08 Annual DBE Goal

Presented to the Board of Directors:

The Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

May 10, 2007







### **Annual DBE Goal**

## Who must submit an annual DBE goal?

Any DOT recipient of federal funds per 49 CFR, Part 26

## Why must we submit an annual DBE goal?

The FTA requires an annual DBE goal as part of the certifications and assurances necessary to receive grant funding

Grant funding anticipated for FFY 08 \$234,500,000



## Methodology

# Formula Provided by Department of Transportation

**Numerator** = Ready, Willing and Able DBEs (DBE Directory, Supplemented by 2002 U. S. Census Data)

**Denominator** = Ready, Willing and Able Firms (Vendor Registration System, Supplemented by 2002 U. S. Census Data)

WMATA DBEs + U.S. Census DBEs

Base Figure = WMATA Vendors + U. S. Census Vendors



#### The FTA Goal Formula Process

- Step 1 Calculate the Base Figure
- Step 2 Adjust Base Figure (Historical Avg.)
- Step 3 Calculate Race Conscious/Race Neutral Percentage



## The FTA Goal Formula Findings

**FFY – 08** 

**FFY – 07** 

Goal - 25%

Goal - 16%

Race Neutral - 2%

Race Neutral - 1%

Race Conscious - 23%

Race Conscious - 15%

#### **Recommendation:**

The Committee approve a 45-day public comment period on the proposed FY08 DBE goal