



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

MEAD Number:

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

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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)

Base Figure =
$$\frac{\text{WMATA DBEs} + \text{U.S. Census DBEs}}{\text{WMATA Vendors} + \text{U. S. Census Vendors}}$$



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

Goal - **25%**

Race Neutral - 2%

Race Conscious - 23%

FFY – 07

Goal - **16%**

Race Neutral - 1%

Race Conscious - 15%

Recommendation:

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