



Georgia Department of Transportation

Equal Access Committee

September 16, 2009





FY 2010 Goals

1. Ensure all contractors and subs are registered and prequalified
2. Secure funding for 2010 program monitoring and evaluations
3. Have DBEs participate in program at Carl Vinson Institute for Government – (Disparity Study)
4. Work with DBEs to help them become contractors that can bid on their own for any jobs
5. Ensure ARRA compliance in use and reporting of DBEs
6. Be sure that there are ample opportunities for DBEs to get contracts
7. Non-discrimination in bids
8. Meet 13% DBE participation goal for FY10





Action Items

- Joint communication and meetings with Equal Access and contracting community
- Update on status of national rule about DBE net worth
- Evaluate program to determine what else the Department can do to assist those women and minorities that are still contractors but no longer qualify as a DBE
- Increase list of DBEs – properly educate potential participants of how to join and encourage more regional education programs



DBE Net Worth and Graduation

DBE Net Worth - No action has been taken on the subject since the October 16, 2007 report to the Congressional Black Caucus

DBE Graduation Assistance - Once a DBE firm has reached ineligibility (graduation status) due to Personal Net worth in excess of \$750,000 or exceed the industry gross receipt limits, they are treated as a Prime Contractor. DBE supportive services are to terminate at that time.

However, there are small business resources available to assist in their further growth.





Compliance, Training and Outreach

Goal: To extend the various education and training sessions to ensure compliance with federal regulations and non discrimination with DBE and non DBE's organizations

- Local Administered Program
- Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Guidance
- Environmental Justice
- American with Disabilities (ADA)
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Contract Compliance Reviews 1273
- Complaint Process
- Fraud





Funding for the GDOT DBE Program

- *Supportive Service - Proposal submitted awaiting notice from FHWA/USDOT

- *Supportive Service - Consultant for DBE Goal (eliminated June 30)
 - DBE Financial Auditor (eliminated June 30)

- *Disparity Study - Benchmarked by Carl Vinson Institute of UGA March 2009

- *Under SAFETEA-LU Whereas TEA-21 allowed states to draw down up to ½ of 1% of Surface Transportation programs funds for training, research, and workforce development. States can now use up to 100% of such funds.





Transportation Board Policy

Current:

Policy # 2C-3 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Recommendation:

Move to Board Policy under 2A not Special Staff





Questions