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Christopher MacNeith
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RE: Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal Methodology

Dear Mr. MacNeith,

Regarding the FFY2015-FFY2017 State of Alaska DBE Program overall goal for FTA-assisted contracts, ADOT&PF requests an overall DBE goal of 5.92%, to be achieved as follows:

- 5.92% through race-neutral means
- 0.00% through race-conscious means

The proposed goal was calculated in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, as outlined in the DBE goal methodology (Attachment 1). The DBE goal methodology also provides explanation of steps 1 & 2 of the goal setting process, as well as all evidence considered in determining the race-conscious/race-neutral split.

To arrive at a step 1 base figure that is representative of the relative availability of DBEs, ADOT&PF relied on data from the 2014 ADOT&PF Disparity Study (Attachment 8). This process yielded a step 1 base figure of 11.84% (Attachment 1, pg. 5).

During step 2 of the goal setting process, ADOT&PF made an adjustment to the base figure to account for the current capacity of certified DBEs to perform work on FTA-assisted contracts. This adjustment resulted in the proposed goal of 5.92% (Attachment 1, pg. 9).

To determine the race-conscious/race-neutral split, ADOT&PF considered all available evidence, including public consultation with program stakeholders (Attachment 1, pg. 27), to arrive at a feasible projection for how it intends to meet the overall DBE goal (Attachment 1, pg. 15).

Please contact the ADOT&PF Civil Rights Office Manager, Dennis Good, with any questions.

July 15, 2015

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Good". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Dennis Good
ADOT&PF Civil Rights Office Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Mary Siroky, Division Director