

Resolution #TC-1743

Approval to form a Joint committee to review CDOT's Good Faith Effort (GFE) process

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation maintains a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) program as condition of receiving federal funds, subject to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26; and

WHEREAS, the DBE program provides assistance to minorities, women and other socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to enter the highway construction and design industries; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission of Colorado established the DBE standing committee to provide oversight, policy and direction; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission sets annual DBE goals to be implemented by setting of appropriate, narrowly tailored goals on projects depending on the regional availability of DBEs based upon current findings and reports.

WHEREAS, CDOT monitors DBE participation in construction and design contracts and reports the results to the Commission through the DBE Committee so that the Commission can evaluate the status of all DBE goals and the need for any appropriate future changes to the DBE program.

WHEREAS, the Good Faith Effort standard provides guidance for prime contractors to follow to make DBE contracting commitments at the time their bids are submitted; and

WHEREAS, based on public comment, the DBE Committee recommends that the Transportation Commission create a joint committee to review CDOT's GFE process and criteria; and

WHEREAS, membership would consist of representatives of the contracting community, public interest members, CDOT, the Attorney General's Office, the Federal Highway Administration and the Accountability Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission hereby approves creation of a Joint Committee and requests any recommendations for improvements to the GFE process or additional criteria be submitted as soon as practicable for consideration by the Transportation Commission.