

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2012

Commissioner Heather Barry called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 in the auditorium of the headquarters building at 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Denver, CO

PRESENT: Heather Barry – District 4
Kathy Connell – District 6
Gilbert Ortiz, Sr. – District 10

ALSO PRESENT: Heidi Bimmerle, CDOT DoHRA Director
Debra Gallegos, CDOT Center for EO Director
Greg Diehl, CDOT Center for EO Supervisor
Katherine Williams, CDOT Center for EO, ESB program
D. Barajas, CDOT Center for EO, Administrative Assistant
Harry Morrow, Office of the Attorney General
Johnny Olson, Region 4 RTD
Jim Moody, Colorado Contractors Assn. (CCA)
Dave Eller, CDOT Region 3 RTD
Tom Wrona, CDOT Region 2 RTD
Tim Harris, CDOT Chief Engineer HQ
Reza Akhavan, CDOT Region 6 RTD
Tony DeVito, CDOT Region 1 RTD
Kerrie Neet, CDOT Region 5 RTD

The minutes were approved.

1. Greg Diehl, EO Center, provided a brief overview at the meeting of the three-year DBE goal setting process including the methodology, public involvement and input opportunities, and the process for gaining approval of the FHWA tri-annual goal. Additionally, Greg also discussed the two separate goals of the FTA funds and the FHWA funds
 - a. The DBE goal setting process includes the following steps:
 - Present and discuss the proposed overall goal on May 31, 2012 at the Small Business Forum. Obtain feedback from small businesses, public and industry.
 - Present a proposed overall goal to the DBE Committee in June 2012.
 - Post the proposed overall goal for review by the public via newspaper and other notices in June and July 2012.
 - Present draft goal to committee June 2012.
 - Bring a full resolution and request action from Transportation Commission at the July Transportation Commission meeting.
 - Submit goal to FHWA on August 1, 2012.

2. Greg Diehl also reported on DBE participation, explained information on the report, and answered questions raised by Committee members and others at the meeting. DBE participation at the end of March 2012 is 12.3%. The current overall DBE goal for CDOT is 13.29%.
3. The next topic of discussion concerned the support received from CDOT regions in the implementation of the new ESB program. The ESB program was recently approved by FHWA and FTA as an acceptable approach to the small business element of the DBE program. The Center for Equal Opportunity will use the ESB program to increase DBE race-neutral participation on all CDOT contracts.
4. Lastly, a discussion was held about the Connect2DOT. Greg Diehl explained that Kelly Manning, Director of Colorado's Small Business Development Center Networks have moved forward with the alliance between the two agencies for increasing CDOT related small business assistance across the state. At this time, the following is being implemented:
 - Tameka Washington, Director of Denver's SBDC, is in the process of interviewing applicants for a program manager.
 - CDOT and the Denver SBDC have established an online plans network.
 - CDOT is working with the Denver SBDC to develop a shared web portal for our information.
 - CDOT is working with the Denver SBDC to develop workshops and printed materials.
 - A Kick Off meeting/reception will be held in June at the Denver SBDC. Staff will ensure that DBE Committee members are notified and invited to the kick-off.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Heather Barry adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.