

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2011

Commissioner Bill Kaufman called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in the auditorium of the headquarters building at 4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Denver, CO

PRESENT: Bill Kaufman – District 5
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
Harry Morrow, Office of the Attorney General
Dave Eller, CDOT Region 4 RTD
Keith Powers, CDOT Region 5
Johnny Olsen, CDOT Region 4 RTD
Region 6 Representative
Randy Jensen, FHWA Colorado Division
Melinda Urban, FHWA Colorado Division

AND: Other staff members and the public

One audio tape of the meeting was made and supporting meeting minutes are filed in the Transportation Commission office.

1. The Center for Equal Opportunity presented the DBE Monthly Report as of April 2011.
 - a. The overall DBE participation was reported as 14.4% (See DBE Monthly Report For Construction Contracts), exceeding the overall annual goal of 13.2%
 - b. Because of public request the Center for Equal Opportunity also calculated the number of firms receiving DBE contracts. The 205 DBE contracts were committed to 81 different firms.
2. Staff updated the Commission on the ESB program enhancements and changes. At the Transportation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011, CDOT's Hearing Officer Casey Tighe will request the Commission's adoption of the ESB Program Rules, which, if approved, will become effective in August 2011. Staff is currently working on guidelines for the program and project provisions to implement the program on CDOT contracts.
3. Staff provided the DBE committee members with an update on CDOT's newly established Small Business Forum. The forum's purpose is to provide an opportunity for CDOT staff to communicate with the community regarding small business issues and to increase the transparency of

CDOT for small businesses. The next meeting is August 8th at 3pm; Donald Hunt and Tim Harris will be speaking at that meeting and all are welcome to attend.

4. Other issues that were discussed included updates including:
 - a. CDOT's successful FHWA funded Wounded Warrior program, which allows CDOT to work with injured veterans in six month temporary positions to help them transition from the military to civilian life. Commissioner Gilbert Ortiz, Sr. suggested staff investigate if we can partner with a similar program "Helmets to Hard Hats" to work together with the construction industry.
 - b. A Region 6 Open House is planned for July 12, 2011th. The event will be cohosted by Region 6 and the Center for Equal Opportunity and will provide an informational session and networking venue for small businesses on upcoming Region 6 projects

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Bill Kaufman adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.