

RESOLUTION NO. 2003 - 125

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 19% ANNUAL GOAL FOR  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION FOR FEDERAL  
FISCAL YEAR 2004

WHEREAS, The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Section 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 require the establishment of an overall goal for the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in federally funded contracts let by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Authority's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requires that the General Manager establish an overall goal for the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in all contracts let by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority during each Federal Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, the General Manager has met with executive staff to determine the overall goal for the Federal Fiscal Year 2004 commencing October 1, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

Section 1. The overall goal is hereby established for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in all federal contracting by this Authority for the Federal Fiscal Year 2004 at 19% of the total dollar amount of contracts awarded by this Authority during said Fiscal year. The General Manager is directed to advise the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) accordingly and publish this goal in accordance with the requirements of the disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: August 19, 2003



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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



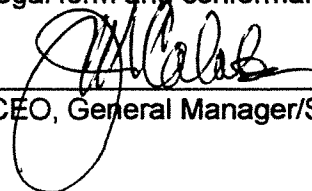
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 19% ANNUAL GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004	Resolution No.: 2003- 125
	Date: August 14, 2003
	Initiator: Human Resources & Business Development Division
ACTION REQUEST: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to establish an overall Annual Goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for Federal Fiscal Year 2004.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: According to Section 49 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part 26, as amended, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, as a recipient of funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is required to establish an annual DBE Participation goal each Federal Fiscal Year.
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: It is the policy of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Authority that DBE firms shall have the equal opportunity to participate in the performance on contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds under the Authority's FTA-assisted agreement.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: The opportunity to encourage and create a level playing field for DBEs so that they can fairly compete in all facets of the Authority's purchasing activities will positively impact the number and quality of the bids received as well as the image of the Authority in the DBE community to increase RTA ridership.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Disapprove the establishment of the overall annual goal for DBE participation. Disapproval of the FTA overall DBE annual goal would impact and delay the approval of grants by FTA.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed the Annual Goal at its August 5, 2003 meeting and recommended approval to the full Board of Trustees. Therefore, it is recommended that the resolution for an annual goal of 19% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation be approved for this Authority for Federal Fiscal Year 2004.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Does not apply.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

  
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 CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer