

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-105

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERALL ANNUAL GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008, AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act and the Federal Transit Administration regulations for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's DBE Program requires that the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer establish an overall goal for the use of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in contracts let by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority during each Federal Fiscal Year (FFY); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration DBE Program guidelines, the Authority has developed the overall annual goal of 17% for DBE participation in federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority in FFY 2008; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer has met with executive staff to finalize the overall annual goal for DBE participation in Authority contracts during FFY 2008 commencing October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008.

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


Section 1. That the overall annual goal for DBE participation is set at 17% of the total dollar amount of federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority during FFY 2008.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is directed to advise the Federal Transit Administration accordingly and publish this goal in accordance with the requirements of the DBE Program.

Section 3. That the annual goal hereby established for FFY 2008 is subject to review and approval by the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: July 24, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

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| | Date: July 19, 2007 |
| | Initiator: Office of Business Development |
| 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 2008.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations for its DBE program, 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 FTA, is required to establish an annual DBE participation goal each Federal Fiscal Year.

The purpose of the DBE program is to help create a level playing field as related to post community-wide disparities in local contracting opportunities in compliance with federal regulations, so that DBE firms can fairly compete in all facets of the Authority's purchasing activities. The program objective will have a positive impact on the number and quality of the bids received as well as the image of the Authority in the DBE community.

The Authority has developed the overall annual goal of 17% for DBE participation in federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority in FFY 2008.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

4.0 **DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

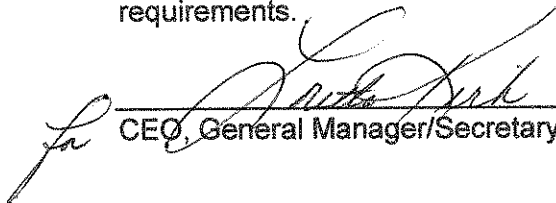
5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is consistent with the requirements of the Authority's DBE Program and the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 CFR Part 26.

6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This action supports the continuation of GCRTA's eligibility for federal financial assistance. The Federal Transit Administration provides grants in support of GCRTA's Capital Program.

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 will review the proposed Overall Annual DBE Goal for FFY 2008 at its July 24, 2007 meeting and a resolution will be presented to the full Board of Trustees to establish an overall annual goal of 17% for DBE participation in federally funded contracts for FFY 2008.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: Does not apply.

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



for CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer