

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-67

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERALL GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION IN THE AUTHORITY'S FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2013 THRU 2015, AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, 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 led 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 DBE goal of 22% for DBE participation in federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority in FFY's 2013 thru 2015; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer has met with executive staff to finalize the overall goal for DBE participation in Authority's contracts during FFY's 2013 thru 2015 commencing October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2015.

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 goal for DBE participation is set at 22% of the total dollar amount of federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority during FFY's 2013 thru 2015.

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 DBE goal hereby established for FFY's 2013 thru 2015 is subject to review, modification, and approval by the Federal Transit Administration.

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

Adopted: July 17, 2012

  
Acting President

Attest:   
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer




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

TITLE/DESCRIPTION:  ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERALL DBE GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2013 THRU 2015	Resolution No.: 2012-67
	Date: July 12, 2012
	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 goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for Federal Fiscal Year's 2013 thru 2015.
  
- 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 a three-year DBE goal.  
  
 The purpose of the DBE program is to help create a level playing field as related to past community-wide disparities in local contracting opportunities, so that DBE firms can more fairly compete in all facets of local contracting opportunities. The program objectives are to increase the number and quality of bids received and contracting done with DBE firms.
  
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
  
- 4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: In compliance and conformity with federal regulations and guidelines, the Authority proposes an overall goal of 22% relative to DBE participation in the aggregate of all federally-assisted contracts of \$25,000 or more awarded by the Authority during FFY's 2013 thru 2015.
  
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action is required to comply with 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 goal for DBE participation. Disapproval of the overall DBE goal would adversely impact and delay the awarding and approval of grants by FTA.

- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: The proposed Federal Fiscal Year's 2013 thru 2015 DBE goal was reviewed by the Committee of the Whole at its June 5, 2012 meeting and recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. Staff recommends approval of the resolution to establish an overall DBE goal of 22% for DBE participation in federally assisted contracts for FFY's 2013 thru 2015.
- 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