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**Date:** August 26, 2014

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Wanda Page, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Deborah Giles, EO/EA Director

**Subject:** Response to Query-Absence of Minority SDBE Goals/Low WSDBE Goals on Southside Revitalization-East Site Design Project

### **Summary**

The Southside Revitalization-East Site Design Project was submitted to the Department of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance to determine if SDBE goals could be set. The project was reviewed for goal consideration based on Sec. 18-56 of the Equal Business Opportunity Program Ordinance which states: "The city manager shall establish project specific goals for SDBEs owned by blacks and SDBEs owned by women, based on normal industry practice, the availability of at least two SDBEs to perform the scopes of work of the project and the city's utilization of SDBEs to date."

The stated project had limited subcontracting opportunities. The two areas identified by the project manager for professional services subcontracting were surveying and environmental services. Goals were established for this project based on the availability of SDBE firms to perform the two professional service subcontracting opportunities, the dollar value of the project and industry practice in setting participation goals. There were eight WSDBE firms and three MSDBE firms who might be able to perform the identified subcontracting opportunities. After all things were considered, the final outcome resulted in 0% MSDBE participation and 1% WSDBE participation.

If there are additional questions, feel free to contact me.