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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 on Algal Turf Scrubber Mobile Pilot System Installation and Operation Project

Summary

The Algal Turf Scrubber Mobile Pilot System Installation and Operation 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 Algal Turf Scrubber Mobile Pilot System Installation and Operation project is specialized with limited subcontracting opportunities. The two areas identified by the project manager for professional services subcontracting were surveying and laboratory services. Goals were established for this project based on the availability of SDBE firms to perform the two professional service subcontracting opportunities. The SDBE database contained seven woman-owned surveying firms and one laboratory firm for a total of eight WSDBE firms. There was only one MSDBE firm that performed surveying services and no minority owned laboratory testing firms. The final outcome resulted in 0% MSDBE participation and 3% WSDBE participation.

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