

OHIO TURNPIKE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Resolution Expressing Intent to Establish a Program Abiding by the State of Ohio's Policies Concerning the Administration of a Turnpike EDGE Program for Construction, Personal Service and Professional Service Contracts, and the Award of Turnpike Contracts to MBE's for Other Goods and Services

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission to attempt to ensure the fullest possible opportunity for participation by all firms or businesses owned and controlled by minorities and females in the participation of contracts, including leases, purchase orders and all forms of agreement where work, labor, services, supplies, equipment and materials, or any combination of the foregoing, which involve funds expended by or on behalf of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this Policy, the Commission has in place a certification program for minority business enterprises ("MBE's") and female business enterprises ("FBE's"), as well as contracting procedures under which MBE and FBE participation in Commission contracts is strongly encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to continue to encourage diversity in contracting, and, with this Resolution, is instructing the Executive Director to prepare a Program for adoption by the Commission that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, abides by the policies followed by the State of Ohio as prioritized by Governor John Kasich in: 1) establishing goals for participation by socially and economically disadvantaged businesses in construction, personal service and professional service contracts, otherwise to be known as the Turnpike's Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity or "EDGE" Program, and 2) in awarding approximately fifteen percent of the estimated total value of Turnpike contracts for other goods and services to MBE's; and

WHEREAS, the Commission intends for the new Program to be implemented by January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director shall hereby be further authorized to procure and have conducted a study to determine whether any disparity exists relative to the award of construction, personal service and professional service contracts, as well as contracts for other goods and services awarded by the Commission to MBE's, and otherwise socially and/or economically disadvantaged businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby reaffirms its policy to encourage diversity in contracting, and to provide the fullest possible opportunity for participation in Commission contracts by firms or businesses that are owned and controlled by minorities, females, or that are otherwise socially or economically disadvantaged; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby instructs the Executive Director to prepare a new Program for adoption by the Commission that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, abides by the policies followed by the State of Ohio as prioritized by Governor John Kasich in: 1) establishing goals for participation by economically and socially disadvantaged businesses in construction, personal service and professional service contracts, to be known as the Turnpike "EDGE" Program, and 2) in awarding approximately fifteen percent of the estimated total value of Turnpike contracts for other goods and services to MBE's; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new Program shall be implemented by January 1, 2015; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to procure and have conducted a study to determine whether any disparity exists relative to the award of construction, personal service, and professional service contracts, as well as contracts for other goods and services awarded by the Commission to MBE's, and otherwise socially and/or economically disadvantaged businesses.

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