

Information Item

Transportation Committee



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Business Item:

Federal Transit Administration Semi-Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Report

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: OEEO 5-1 Inclusion of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBEs) and Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUBs) Policy, United States Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (49 CFR 26)

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Background

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires agencies like the Council to administer a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and establish DBE sub-contracting goals on projects receiving federal funding. The DBE program seeks to ensure nondiscrimination in how USDOT funded projects are awarded and administered. The DBE Regulations describe the requirements the Council must satisfy to remain eligible for future USDOT funding.

One requirement is that the Council must report results of commitments, awards, and payments to certified DBE firms on a semi-annual basis. It is generally referred to as the "DBE Semi-Annual Report". The report schedule is based on the Federal Fiscal Year and includes awarded contracts (prime contracts and subcontracts), ongoing contracts and closed contracts during the six-month period. The Council must submit the first half report no later than June 1 to the Federal Transit Administration. The second half and full FFY report is due December 1. This report provides the results of the June 1, 2024, Federal Fiscal Year first half (October 1, 2023-March 31, 2024) DBE participation.