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Mr. Christopher MacNeith
Region 10 Civil Rights Officer
Federal Transit Administration
915 2nd Avenue, Room 3142
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Re: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal and Methodology

Dear Mr. MacNeith:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has established an FTA-approved overall DBE goal of 3.26% for FFYs 2014-2016, with 0.42% to be accomplished using race neutral means and 2.84% using race conscious means. WSDOT proposes to use this goal and methodology as an interim DBE goal for FFY 2017.

The goal is based on demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing and able DBEs who may participate on contracts that receive FTA financial assistance. WSDOT is in the process of conducting a DBE Disparity Study to ensure that our goals and program continue to be narrowly tailored and consistent with federal regulations and court decisions. The consultant expects to have a final draft to WSDOT by May of 2017. In view of the scope of the Study and the data collection efforts, we request that we continue our current goal until we receive the Study results. We will provide the FTA with an updated goal and methodology document upon conclusion of the Study.

Your favorable consideration would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this submittal, please contact Earl Key, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at KeyE@wsdot.wa.gov or (360) 705-7095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Millar', written over a faint circular stamp.

Roger Millar, PE, AICP
Acting Secretary of Transportation
Washington State Department of Transportation

cc: Keith Metcalf, WSDOT
Earl Key, WSDOT