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SUBJECT: Project Delivery Memo # 06-03
          Reestablishing Condition of Award Goals

Purpose and Direction

The Code of Federal Regulations 49 CFR part 26 requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to operate a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. The department has completed an availability study, and based on this information, the Department has established an overall DBE goal of 18.77 percent for Federal Fiscal Year 2007. Projects scheduled to be advertised after October 31 that are funded entirely or in part with federal funds shall be considered for a Condition of Award (COA) goal.

Action Requested

Project Development
The process for establishing goals has not changed from previous years. The Plans Preparation Manual will be revised to reinstate goal-setting procedures. The DBE, COA General Special Provision (GSP) (07112C.FR1) was revised as of April 2006 and is currently available on line.

Contract Ad and Award
The basic functions of Ad and Award have not changed. A minor change in the way Good Faith is administered will occur in accordance with the revised DBE, COA GSP.

Construction
The basic functions of construction administration have not changed. The process is outlined in the current Construction Manual and as required by the DBE, COA GSP in the contract. The most significant changes in the GSP include establishing conditions for taking credit:
1. for lower-tiered DBE subcontractors
2. for firms decertified after execution
3. when quantities assigned to a COA DBE firm under-run

Other changes in format occurred to the GSP to improve clarity.

Questions should be directed as noted:

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Additional information is available at:

- Goal-setting and Availability Study
  - http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/oco/
- GSP information (see bottom of the web-page)
  - http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/MoreAdmin.cfm#NewDBE

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