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100 and Growing! SR 520 reaches milestone, continues to emphasize diversity and inclusion in contracting

Earlier this year, the SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program reached the significant milestone of 100 small and diverse firms that have worked on the project, and continues to prioritize diversity and inclusion in project contracting.

Where we've been

Hitting this milestone was no mere coincidence. The SR 520 Program is committed to seeing that all Washingtonians have access to the thousands of family-wage jobs generated by the replacement of the SR 520 corridor. In support of that commitment, WSDOT and SR 520 established goals for each project within the overall Program to promote participation by minority, small, veteran, women and disadvantaged business enterprise (MSVWBE & DBE) firms.

To reach the established MSVWBE and DBE goals, the SR 520 Program invests significant time and energy into building its Diversity and Inclusion Program. This program works both internally and externally to coordinate its efforts with WSDOT resource groups such as the Office of Equal Opportunity, build partnerships with other state agencies such as the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, and work closely with industry leaders, such as the Associated General Contractors (AGC), American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Tabor 100, and other community groups. Through these relationships, the SR 520 Diversity and Inclusion Program works to build bridges and share resources to support small and diverse firms hoping to work on the SR 520 Program's design and/or construction effort.

In addition to providing resources, the SR 520 team works to meet firms where they're at, whether it is a local chamber of commerce meeting, networking event, the Women in Construction monthly meeting, or an annual conference in the region, where inclusive connections can be made, the SR 520 team is there.

Where we're going

While the SR 520 Diversity and Inclusion Program has seen great success over the years, there is still more to be done. We will continue working to bolster our small and diverse firms and to reach our inclusion goals. We anticipate that there will be future opportunities for additional work on the SR 520 Program.

We look forward to continuing to provide the resources necessary to support small and diverse firms – in both design and construction. The upcoming Rest of the West project in Seattle consists of multiple phases, resulting in additional opportunities for the approximately 10 years of construction ahead.

Here's to all of you – the 100+ firms and thousands of employees who have served your community in helping rebuild the vital SR 520 corridor. Here's to hundreds more we hope to see working on SR 520 and other WSDOT projects in the future. Here's to 100 and growing!

Looking for opportunities available now on the SR 520 project? Connect with the contractors shortlisted for the upcoming Montlake Phase project.

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To learn more about how the SR 520 Diversity and Inclusion Program can support you, visit the program's website: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/About/DBE.htm