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June 21, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2005 Overall Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal in accordance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, for airport projects funded by the U. S. Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

On December 14, 2004 the City Council adopted the City's Fiscal Year 2005 (FY 05) annual overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded street projects as administered by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

At the time, a DBE goal was not submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration because no new airport projects were scheduled. Since then, priorities have changed, resulting in commitments to three airport projects: security system improvements, a canopy project for the north baggage claim area and construction of improvements to Taxiways C and L.

DBE regulations require that the City of Long Beach establish annual DBE goals using a prescribed methodology to ensure full compliance with relevant regulatory requirements of both the FHWA and the FAA. On March 16, 2005, the City submitted to the Civil Rights Manager at the Federal Aviation Administration the following proposed FY 05 FAA DBE Goal:

- A 2 percent goal for contracts funded by the DOT for airport improvements

The FAA goal was developed by comparing the number of available ready, willing and able Southern California DBEs to the number of all comparable firms (DBE and non-DBEs) in the same area. This data was drawn from the California UCP Database of Certified Firms and the 2001 U.S. Census Bureau. The resulting figure was then modified to account for past goal attainment performance. Other airport projects within Los Angeles and Orange Counties were considered for comparison.

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The overall FAA goal was advertised via outreach letters to business and community organizations and local media. No comments were received from the public following a 45-day comment period for public participation. On May 10, 2005, the FAA Civil Rights Office approved the proposed FY 05 FAA DBE goal and affirmed that the City's goal and methodology meet the basic requirements of Title 49 CFR Part 26.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on June 2, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 8, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested on June 21, 2005 to avoid interrupting on-going projects and jeopardizing the City's federal financial assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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P/CL/FY 04-05/Jun/FAA DBE Goal

APPROVED:


for
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CITY MANAGER