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## WisDOT Small Business Initiative Plan: Effective October 2012

As a requirement of good faith implementation of the WisDOT DBE program, the department is seeking Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval for a small business plan that requires WisDOT to structure contracting requirements to facilitate competition by small businesses, while minimizing contract requirements that may prohibit small businesses from participating as prime contractors or subcontractors.

The criteria for competing within WisDOT's Small Business Initiative (SBI) include the following:

- \* Firm(s) must be SBA HUBZone certified or DBE certified.
- \* Owner(s) personal net worth cannot exceed \$1.32 million.
- \* Business size threshold for professional service and consulting firms is \$5 million.
- \* Business size threshold for construction firms is \$10 million.
- \* Statement of non-collusion must be provided.

For WisDOT Small Business Initiative (SBI) consideration, interested firms should furnish the following information to the DBE certification team:

- \* Copy of SBA HUBZone certification.
- \* Personal financial statement for owner(s).
- \* Owner(s) personal tax returns for past three years.
- \* Applicant firm's federal tax returns and all related schedules for the past three years.
- \* Statement of non-collusion.

SBA HUBZone stands for Small Business Administration Historically Underutilized Business Zone. The purpose is to increase employment opportunities, investments and economic development in distressed urban and rural communities – historically underutilized business zones – by providing federal contracting opportunities to qualified HUBZone small business concerns.

WisDOT plans to begin implementing SBI strategies October 1, 2012.

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The Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC) is dedicated to the assurance of civil rights and labor compliance, affirmative action, equal employment opportunity, and services for disadvantaged business enterprises for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. It is the policy of WisDOT to support the fullest possible participation of firms owned and controlled by disadvantaged individuals in federal aid and state highway contracts within the state of Wisconsin. This includes assisting disadvantaged business enterprises throughout the life of contracts in which they participate.

**WisDOT’s plan for I-39/90 Project in Dane County is estimated to cost \$218 million with over 860,000 labor hours.** Starting in 2013, crews will expand I-39/90 from 4-lanes to six from the east end of the Madison Beltline to the WI/IL state line. The project also include the redevelopment of interchanges and bridges along the project route, and improvements to local roads that will serve as alternate routes during construction. Work will continue through the 2020 construction season. WisDOT will also begin construction of the West Madison Beltline and Verona Road during this timeframe. Verona Road is estimated to cost \$123 million with a projected 405,000 labor hours.

WisDOT established the Dane County Stakeholder Advisory Committee in October 2011 to oversee DBE, minority and female labor participation. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to get updates on both projects and review DBE and labor reports. The committee has established priorities from their analysis of opportunities and barriers they foresee and would like these issues addressed as the projects move into the construction phase. The priorities include: employment opportunities for the underrepresented, enforcement and monitoring of WisDOT and contractors’ fulfillment of equity and access rules; timely education and networking for job seekers and businesses; effective and inclusive WisDOT opportunity analysis, and utilization of community networks for education and awareness. These meetings are open to the public. For more information regarding the advisory committee, contact [Rochelle.codlyn@dot.wi.gov](mailto:Rochelle.codlyn@dot.wi.gov).



**I-39/90 Project Update**

(Dane County and Rock County)

*Design Contracts as of April 30, 2012*

Total Contracted Amount	\$31,969,334
DBE Contracted Amount	\$6,313,675
DBE Share	19.7%
Total Paid Amounts	\$3,723,941
DBE Paid Amounts	\$534,681
DBE Share Paid	14.4%

**Wisconsin and Minnesota are teaming up to reconstruct the Dresbach Bridge.**

The I-90 Bridge spans the Mississippi River between Dresbach, Minnesota, and La Crosse, Wisconsin. Built in 1967, the 4-lane bridge is in critical condition and Mn/DOT is moving forward to reconstruct the bridge to accommodate traffic flow. The estimated construction cost to reconstruct the bridge is \$180 million. WisDOT and Mn/DOT have agreed to work together to create access to opportunity for DBEs in both states. In May 2012, the WisDOT Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance (OBOEC) conducted an interest survey to gather data from DBE firms regarding their interest in this project. Of the 243 firms solicited, 42 firms gave positive responses. Mn/DOT anticipates subcontracting opportunities in the following work types: lighting, public relations, bridge, landscaping, fencing, structural, concrete placement, dewatering, retaining walls, concrete curb and sidewalk, rebar placement, storm sewer, electrical, ITS, pavement marking, signing, and temporary shoring. Construction project lets will begin in 2012. For more information regarding Dresbach Bridge I-90 Project to go [www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/dresbachbridge](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d6/projects/dresbachbridge).



**I-94 North-South Freeway Project Update**  
(Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha Counties)

**Construction Contracts as of April 30, 2012**

Total Contracted Amount	\$571,227,174
DBE Contracted Amount	\$100,720,514
DBE Share	17.6%
Total Paid Amounts	\$453,941,746
DBE Paid Amounts	\$83,115,732
DBE Share Paid	18.3%

**Work Hours Update as of April 30, 2012**

Total Hours Worked	2,139,375
Total Minority Hours Worked	394,752
Minority Share	18.5%
Total Female Hours Worked	53,564
Female Share	2.5%



**Verona Road Project Update**  
(Dane County)

**Design Contracts as of April 30, 2012**

Total Contracted Amount	\$17,074,874
DBE Contracted Amount	\$3,452,010
DBE Share	20.2%
Total Paid Amounts	\$5,296,193
DBE Paid Amounts	\$1,280,555
DBE Share Paid	24.3%



**US 41 Corridor Expansion Project Update**  
(Brown County and Winnebago County)

**Construction Contracts as of April 30, 2012**

Total Contracted Amount	\$481,121,226
DBE Contracted Amount	\$40,835,381
DBE Share	8.5%
Total Paid Amounts	\$314,440,710
DBE Paid Amounts	\$27,413,400
DBE Share Paid	8.7%

**Work Hours as of April 30, 2012**

Total Hours Worked	1,306,253
Total Minority Hours Worked	69,426
Minority Share	5.3%
Total Female Hours	32,109
Female Share	2.5%

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### SBI Implementation Strategies

Stand Alone Contracts: WisDOT is considering professional services projects estimated under \$200,000 for SBI as prime contract opportunities to include construction engineering, environmental services, design services, archaeological services, hazardous materials and also specialty master contracts solicitations to include environmental impact statements, transportation planning, public participation and outreach, traffic data collection, pavement and geotechnical. Selection evaluation factors will apply to all firms that respond to a Notice of Interest.

For construction contracts, WisDOT is considering projects up to \$500,000 for SBI. Prime contract opportunities may include maintenance, landscaping, flatwork, small bridges, electrical, fencing, sign bridges, sewer and site preparation. Subcontract opportunities may include projects in grubbing, clearing, and grading; hauling stone and other materials; erosion control; paint striping; drainage (pipe, curb and gutter, catch basin); signal installation; landscape planting; fencing and guardrail.

Other SBI strategies may include multi-year mega project practices to include contract unbundling, mandatory subcontract evaluations, the formation and facilitation of project-based stakeholder committees, and annual project-related meetings with structured networking and environmental and/or preliminary design contract provisions. All strategies are currently under review for consideration.

### WisDOT DBE Construction Summary Reports

Federal Contracts DBE Overall Goal 11.9%

Construction Projects (FFY November 2011 - April 2012)

Estimated FFY 2012 Federal Funds	\$470,000,000
FFY 2012 DBE Projections	\$55,930,000
Awarded Contracts Amount	\$636,821,054
Federal Contract Amount	\$317,071,489
Total DBE Committed	\$51,381,262
Total DBE Percent Committed	16.20%
Total Good Faith Waivers	24