

Exhibit “A”

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL OVERALL GOAL 2005/2006

The amount of overall goal, methodology, breakout of estimated race-neutral and race-conscious participation, and any DBE program updates are presented herein in accordance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, and as described in the *Local Assistance Procedures Manual*.

The County of San Mateo California submits our annual overall goal information for your review and comment. We have established an annual overall DBE goal of 9.2% for the Federal Fiscal Year 2005/2006, beginning on October 1, 2005 and ending on September 30, 2006.

Methodology

Data for two federal funded projects were used in the development of the DBE goal. All of the contracting opportunities in this project are covered by one NAICS code, 237310 (Census 234110), Highway and Street Construction. The data was more narrowly tailored by license types related to the project work (C08 – Concrete Contractor; C12 – Earthwork and Paving Contractor and C13 – Fencing Contractor). The total DBEs defined as willing to work either in San Mateo County or statewide were compared to the total available contractors located in San Mateo County’s geographic service area of eight counties – Alameda, Contra Costa, Merced, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara and. This comparison resulted in a base goal of 9.2%. Upon establishing the base goal, other known relevant evidence was reviewed and assessed to determine what additional adjustments, if any, were needed to narrowly tailor the base goal to San Mateo County, Department of Public Works' marketplace and contracting program. Factors considered in determining the DBE participation that can be expected, absent discrimination, included the following: actual data for eleven recent federal funded projects was reviewed with an average DBE participation of 7.2%. As the project types were dissimilar to the current year projects, no adjustment was made to the base goal of 9.2%.

Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral and Race-Conscious Participation

Of the overall annual 9.2% goal for DBE participation, the Department estimates the race-conscious participation goal to be 0% and the race-neutral participation goal to be 9.2%. The contract does have sub-contracting possibilities.

DBE Program Update:

Section VI DBE Liaison Office (DBELO) (§26.25) is amended by designating Donna J. Vaillancourt as the DBELO.

Public Notice Comments

A Public Notice was published in available minority-focused media and trade association publications (Small Business Exchange – October 13, 2005 and The Challenge News – October 20, 2005), and October 20, 2005 in general circulation media (Peninsula Examiner) per 49CFR, Part 26, Section 26.45(g) (2). No comments were received during the 45-day comment period.