

REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 52

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region establishing a policy to maximize construction contract opportunities for local and disadvantaged contractors and authorizing the Executive Director to develop a contracting plan and procedures to implement the policy for further Board review and action.

WHEREAS, a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has been created for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region by action of their respective county councils pursuant to RCW 81.112.030; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 40, adopted October 29, 1994, the RTA Board adopted a Regional Transit System Master Plan which called for the design and construction of various commuter and light rail projects funded by local taxes and state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the RTA desires that there be significant participation by local and Washington State contractors, disadvantaged business enterprises including minority and women owned businesses (DBEs) and other small contractors in the region to the maximum extent allowable under applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the RTA intends to utilize contracting policies and practices which result in efficient contract management and quality construction at the lowest public cost; and

WHEREAS, construction contract size is normally determined by similarity of physical features, project scheduling interfaces and sequencing, operable segmentation, cost effectiveness measures, cash flow and other project managerial factors; and

WHEREAS, the RTA intends to establish achievable and ambitious goals for participation by DBEs in such projects as authorized by Section 14 of Resolution 19 adopted March 25, 1994; and

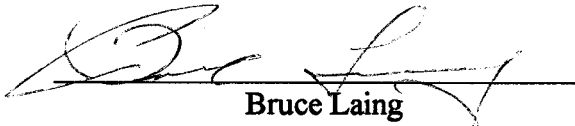
WHEREAS, general contractors would benefit from assistance to small and disadvantaged subcontracts involved in the RTA's major public works contracts, and such assistance can result in lower bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority as follows:

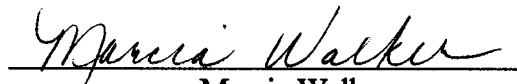
Section 1 The Board of the Regional Transit Authority hereby adopts for the design and construction of the Phase I System of the Regional Transit System Master Plan a policy goal of maximizing opportunities for the participation of local and DBE contractors and consultants to the maximum extent allowable by applicable laws and regulations and consistent with sound project management principles and economic benefit to the RTA through competitive bidding practices. The Executive Director is authorized to develop a contracting plan for further Board review and action which reflects such policy after consultation with the local contracting and consulting community.

Section 2 Working with the Minority/Women/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (M/W/DBE) task force, the Executive Director is further requested to review for inclusion within the plan a "Surety Support Program" the purpose of which is to assist small or DBE contractors and subcontractors involved in RTA construction contracts in securing bonding and technical and business management support, thereby aiding the general contractors in focusing resources on the technical supervision of the construction work.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region on this 10th day of February, 1995.


Bruce Laing
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator