RESOLUTION NO. 54

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority for the Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties region establishing a work program related to Minority/Women/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (M/W/DBE).

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Resolution No. 19 adopted March 25, 1994 established an affirmative action policy for the Regional Transit Authority's ("RTA") procurements and committed the RTA to the development of a more comprehensive program for minority and women owned business and disadvantaged business enterprises ("M/W/DBE"); and

WHEREAS, in order to complete a M/W/DBE program applicable to locally funded procurements of the RTA, it will be necessary to conduct a disparity study within the RTA's boundaries establishing that discrimination has historically occurred and impaired qualified M/W/DBE contractors from obtaining contracts with local governments; and

WHEREAS, a consortium of local agencies in King County is in the process of contracting for special consulting services to develop a new disparity study in King County and said study could be modified to include the RTA's jurisdictional area in Pierce and Snohomish Counties; and

WHEREAS, the RTA intends to begin an extensive procurement program to select consulting firms to design the Phase 1 System following a positive public vote to be held on March 14, 1995; and

WHEREAS, to date the RTA relied upon staff support on M/W/DBErelated issues through staff resources from the King County Department of Metropolitan Services; and WHEREAS, the RTA believes it necessary to hire its own dedicated staff to accelerate the development and implementation of a M/W/DBE program; and

WHEREAS, the RTA finds it is in the public interest to adopt a general work program and schedule for the development of a M/W/DBE program and to participate in the regional disparity study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Regional Transit Authority that the work program to develop a more comprehensive M/W/DBE program for the RTA substantially as described in Exhibit A is hereby approved and the Executive Director is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to prepare the program for and necessary contracts for future Board review and approval. The Executive Director shall also continue to explore innovative methods and/or programs that contribute to the success of the RTA's M/W/DBE program.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on the 27th day of January 1995.

Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

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Board Administrator

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EXHIBIT A

M/W/DBE WORK PROGRAM

1. <u>Hire M/W/DBE Program Supervisor</u>.

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To develop and implement the RTA's M/W/DBE Program, the RTA intends to hire a M/W/DBE Program Supervisor.

- A. Circulate job description to M/W/DBE Task Force for review
- B. Finalize job description and advertise
- C. Application period closes
- D. Screening, interviewing, and evaluation process completed
- E. Estimated date of hire (every effort will be made to complete this step sooner)

December	r 8, 1994
January 1,	, 1995
January 2	3, 1995

February 10, 1995

March 1, 1995

2. Establish Federal DBE Goals.

The RTA intends to obtain Federal funds in its future engineering, planning, and environmental consulting contracts. A Federal DBE goal-setting process is necessary in order to establish the RTA's specifications in its RFPs to be advertised after the March 14, 1995 election.

A.	Confer with FTA officials to define process	December 8, 1994
B.	Survey other public agencies' DBE goals	
	for Federal funds	February 1, 1995
C.	M/W/DBE Task Force review of survey and	
	recommendation of draft goal	February 1, 1995
D.	RTA Board adopts a draft goal for purposes	
	of public review	February 10, 1995
E.	Public hearing(s) held on <u>draft</u> goal	mid-April 1995
F.	M/W/DBE Task Force recommendation of	
	final goals	April 1995
G.	RTA Board adopts final DBE goals	April 28, 1995
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H. Include final Federal DBE goals in RFP process for procurements

April 1995

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 Hire M/W/DBE Program Supervisor A. Circulate job description B. Advertise C. Application period closes D. Evaluate applicants E. Date of hire 	*	* *	*								
 2. Federal DBE Goals A. Confer with FTA B. Survey of agencies C. M/W/DBE Subcommittee adopts draft goal D. RTA adopts draft goal E. Public review of draft goal F. M/W/DBE Subcommittee adopts final goal G. RTA Board adopts final goal H. Include in RFP process 	*		* *		*	-on going-→					
 3. Local M/WBE goals A. Consotrium start-up B. Agreement C. Project manager hired D. RFP issued E. Disparity study completed F. RTA action based on disparity study 		*	*	*				*	*		

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