

Women & Girls

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Economic Development December 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. Call to Order & Purpose of Internal Board.
2. Introduce recommendation options
 - A. Group A: Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) - Incubator
 - i. 8% contracts awarded to women, 6.7% on federal level
 - a. Goal to increase numbers to employ more women in professional services, vendors, contracts, etc.
 - b. Encourage women owned businesses
 - ii. Improving contracts with Metro for Women
 - a. Rewards & retention
 - Small business prime contracts for women
 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) for women
 - b. Questions regarding federal funding not supporting gender specific support for women and remains neutral.
 - Need supporting research
 - This would lessen the available funds for women and girls related projects
 - c. Women in Transportation resources
 - WTS, WINTER annual conference
 - DEOD disparity study
 - Census data

- Contracts department in Metro
 - B. Group B: Metro School
 - i. Bridge to connect young girls to Transportation jobs
 - a. visit schools in regions to connect with Principals, counselors, students
 - C. Group C: One Day Annual Event/Conference
 - i. Exhibits/activity booths
 - a. such as build the bus
 - b. scavenger hunt
 - c. vendors
 - d. contracts
 - e. careers
 - f. safety education
3. Voting on recommendations for proposal focus
- A. Selection: One Day Annual Event Conference
 - i. Division of tasks

The Issue:

The Feedback:

Action Items

Present recommendation for next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2017.