

RESOLUTION NO. 97-1521

ADOPTED: November 20, 1996

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

Subject: A Resolution terminating the WSSC mandatory minority enterprise program for construction contracts, eliminating the minority business enterprise requirements on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) projects constructed by private developers and the support of a voluntary minority business enterprise program administered by the construction community.

WHEREAS: WSSC recognized in 1978 the need to increase the development of minority business firms and to facilitate the participation of responsible minority business firms in construction contracts awarded by the Commission; and

WHEREAS: Since 1978 WSSC has been conducting a mandatory minority business program, which is currently enacted in Article 29, Section 3-102 of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS: WSSC has required MBE participation on MOU projects constructed by private developers; and

WHEREAS: WSSC adopted effective June 1, 1996 Standard Operating Procedure MBE 96-01 which has implemented a mandatory minority business enterprise program to increase the participation of minority subcontractors in competitively bid construction contracts in addition to

the implementation of a minority enterprise program for WSSC professional services, architecture and engineering, and procurement contracts; and

WHEREAS: WSSC recognizes that the need still exists to increase the participation of minority businesses in construction contracts awarded by WSSC; and

WHEREAS: WSSC desires, at this time, that the construction industry voluntarily establish the type of business relationships with minority business enterprises encouraged by the terminated Minority Business Program for construction contracts; and

WHEREAS: WSSC is still interested in monitoring the participation of minority business enterprises in the construction community.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. WSSC hereby supports the use of a voluntary minority business enterprise program to be administered by the construction community in order to continue their efforts to increase the participation of minority business enterprises in construction contracts awarded by the Commission.
2. WSSC requests that the construction community continue to support the objective of increasing MBE participation in the construction community through the

voluntary submission of documentation of minority participation with each construction contract awarded by the Commission.

3. WSSC terminates Section XII B. of Standard Operating Procedure MBE 96-01 of the Commission's mandatory minority business enterprise construction program and any and all other provisions of Standard Operating Procedure MBE 96-01 that apply to the mandatory minority business enterprise program for construction contracts.
4. This Resolution shall be effective November 21, 1996.

ATTEST:


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and Secretary


Elizabeth Buck Behney
Chairman