



Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

14501 Sweitzer Lane • Laurel, Maryland 20707-5901

COMMISSIONERS
Antonio L. Jones, Chair
Dr. Roscoe M. Moore, Jr., Vice Chair
Prem P. Agarwal
Gene W. Counihan
Hon. Adrienne A. Mandel
Joyce Starks

GENERAL MANAGER
Jerry N. Johnson

March 18, 2011

Dear Members of the WSSC Business Community:

I am extremely pleased to inform you that the Commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) have unanimously approved a new WSSC Minority Business Enterprise Program (MBE). In doing so, WSSC reached an important milestone in our efforts to increase participation of specific classes of minority and women-owned businesses competing for contracts with WSSC.

The MBE Program has both race-and-gender-neutral and race-and-gender-conscious remedies to address the various ongoing effects of marketplace discrimination. The Program addresses underutilization of specific categories of minority and women-owned businesses in WSSC contracts. The Commission's action follows completion of a Disparity Study that analyzed availability and utilization of minority and women-owned businesses in WSSC's local market.

The new Program will apply to WSSC contracts that are advertised or solicited on or after the Program's scheduled effective date of May 1, 2011.

We have already begun the task of determining how to implement the new MBE Program, which may involve many changes that affect how all of us do business together. We will promptly notify you as these new details and processes are finalized.

I want to again thank all those who participated in the Study, attended the three public hearings and sent us their comments. I want to assure you that all of your comments were considered in drafting the final MBE program.

The new MBE program can be viewed on the WSSC website:
www.wsscwater.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry N. Johnson", written over a light blue circular scribble.

Jerry N. Johnson
General Manager/CEO