



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of Real Estate
Central Office, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

September 20, 2007

To: All ODOT Pre-Qualified R/W Consultants

RE: September 24, 2007 Announcement: Plan for increasing the number of EDGE and DBE firms prequalified in Right of Way Acquisition.

Dear Right of Way Professionals:

Attached is an announcement to be included in the Announcements section of the Consultant Services web page. It may be accessed at the following address:
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/CONTRACT/consultant.htm>

The attached document details that the Department is seeking to assist firms that may be eligible to participate in the EDGE and/or DBE programs, and will encourage larger non-DBE/EDGE firms to subcontract work to DBE/EDGE firms. For the group of task order contracts to be posted with the April, August and December 2008 Programmatic Groups (the postings will be spread over three postings rather than a single group as in the past), a number of EDGE or DBE goals will be placed on these contracts. Goal setting will be commensurate with the number of prequalified DBE/EDGE firms available to provide the services. In doing so we hope to expand the opportunities for DBE and EDGE firms to gain experience by working with larger, more established firms.

Should you have any questions, please contact Rich Weirich at (614) 644-5761.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Viau".

James J. Viau, Administrator

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Attachment

CC: Lyle Flower, Tim McDonald, Richard Henry (FHWA)
All ODOT Real Estate Employees (Districts, Regions and CO),
Office of Real Estate Web Site - www.dot.state.oh.us/real