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March 17, 2011

Michelle McEnany
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Re: DBE Goal for FFY 2011-2013
Vendor ID 1812; IDOT

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**OFFICE OF
PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Dear Ms. McEnany:

In accordance with the regulations pertaining to the Participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program that is part of the Department of Transportation's Financial Assistance Program, as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26, the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Office of Civil Rights has reviewed the DBE goal submitted by IDOT on July 30, 2010.

We examined the overall goal you submitted for FFY 2011-2013. IDOT submitted an overall DBE goal of .37%. You project that you will meet .29% of your overall goal through race conscious means and .08% of your overall goal through race neutral means.

FTA's review considered the overall goal as well as the description of the data and methodology used in arriving at the overall goal. Our review included the base figure calculation and evidence supporting that calculation; adjustments, made to the base figure and the evidence supporting the adjustments. Our review also included consideration of the summary IDOT provided regarding the relevant evidence in your jurisdiction; the projection of the proportion of your overall goal that you will meet through race neutral as opposed to race conscious means and the basis for your projections. We also reviewed and considered the evidence provided concerning public participation.

After reviewing this information, we have determined that the goal setting methodology used is consistent with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.45 and that you have followed the public participation requirements in setting your overall goal as set forth in 49 CFR Part 26.45(g). We have also accepted your projection of your overall goal that you expect to meet through race neutral and race conscious means. That projection is subject to modification during the fiscal year

Your DBE goal for FFY 2011-2013 is approved as of March 17, 2011, and FTA TEAM-Web has been updated to reflect this status. This approval expires on September 30, 2013. Per regulation, an updated program submission should be forwarded to the FTA by August 1, 2013. Again, please note, that if the circumstances surrounding your DBE goal change prior to your submission date, IDOT must submit an updated DBE goal.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter. If you have any questions or need assistance, you may telephone me directly at 816-329-3928. You may also contact me via email at Rebecca.Rand@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. Rand".

Rebecca E. Rand
Region VII Civil Rights Officer

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