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John MacKinnon  
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Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

On May 17, 2021, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) submitted the FFY 2021 – 2023 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal Methodology which proposed the implementation of a DBE program with an overall program goal of 8.28% to be wholly delivered through race neutral means. On May 26, 2021, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determined that the methodology is legally sufficient to meet the requirements of 49 C.F.R Part 26.

With the implementation of a race-neutral DBE program beginning in FFY 2015, the DOT&PF has made progress educating DOT&PF staff about the DBE program and how all sections of the DOT&PF are involved in the delivery of this program. Education on the DBE program was also extended to all tiers of the highway construction industry.

In addition to required bi-annual reporting, please continue to provide monthly DBE utilization rate reports to our office. This will provide consistent monitoring, and enable prompt action if the utilization rate is significantly lower than the program goal.

The next DBE goal methodology is due August 1, 2023, for Federal Fiscal year 2024. Should the DOT&PF identify the need for a program adjustment before that time, FHWA may require the submission of additional materials or documentation to justify a mid-cycle program adjustment.

Should you have any questions on the FFY 2021 – 2023 DBE program goal, or if you have ideas on how FHWA can assist with the implementation of a successful DBE program, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Division Administrator

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