



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Civil Rights**

Date: July 11, 2005

To: Council Member Natalie Johnson Lee, Chair
Health & Human Services Committee

Subject: Allowing the City of Minneapolis to implement a City mirror program of the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Plan on the Nicollet Hotel Block Project and contracting with the Metropolitan Council to monitor the DBE Program

Recommendation:

1. It is recommended that City of Minneapolis be authorized to implement a mirror program of the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and allow the proper City Officers to execute a contractual agreement with the Metropolitan Council to implement and monitor the City's Disadvantaged Business Program on the Nicollet Hotel Block Project.

Previous Directives:

- Council authorized the acceptance of a Nicollet Mall Grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The application and grant included a "North Terminal" for the Shuttle, now also referred to as the Downtown Circulator.
- On May 2, 2003, the City Council approved the issuance of the first RFP for the Nicollet Hotel Block.
- The Council rejected the only proposal received.
- On July 2, 2004, the City Council authorized staff to issue a new RFP for this project.
- On June 17, 2005, the City Council adopted a Disadvantaged Business Program for this project.

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget
If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Background/Supporting Information

On June 17, 2005, the City Council adopted a Disadvantaged Business Program for the Nicollet Hotel Block Project. Federal regulations required the development and approval of a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program prior to committing the allocation of Federal Transit Administration funds.

The City of Minneapolis has not previously had this type of program. The Metropolitan Council has expertise and experience in implementing this type of program that the City does not possess. Should the City contract with the Metropolitan Council to implement the program, cost would be borne by the project. It is therefore recommended that the appropriate City Officials be allowed to enter agreement with the Metropolitan Council to oversee compliance on this project.