

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

**Board of Directors** 

Governance Committee

**September 12, 2012** 

9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order.....Alethia Nancoo, Chairperson

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- 2. Major Projects M/WBE Contracting and Local Employee Compliance......Gus Bass, Manager, Program Services, Department of Engineering and Technical Services Loretta Caldwell, DC Water Consultant, Third-Party Compliance Oversight
- 3. Government Affairs: Update......William Pickering, Government Relations Manager

<u>Federal</u> Federal Issues and Legislation

District of Columbia District Issues and Legislation

4. Emerging Issues	. Chairperson
5. Agenda for Upcoming Committee Meeting (TBD)	. Chairperson
6. Adjournment	Chairperson



Briefing on:

#### DC Water Major Projects M/WBE Contracting and Local Employment Compliance September Update

Presented to:

#### Governance Committee Alethia Nancoo—Chairperson

Presented by: Gus Bass—Manager, Engineering Management Services Branch DC Water Department of Engineering and Technical Services Loretta S. Caldwell—Major Projects Compliance Officer L. S. Caldwell & Associates, Inc.



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## DC Water Major Projects

### AGENDA

Compliance Program Overview

- DC Water Major Projects Subject to Fair Share Objectives
- > M/WBE Contracting Summary
- Employment Summary
- Questions and Discussion

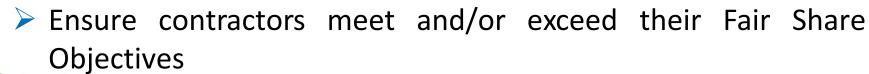


#### CONTRACTING AND EMPLOYMENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

L. S. Caldwell & Associates, Inc./DP Consultants, Inc.

#### CONTRACTS

- Monitor and track planned and actual participation against Architectural/Engineering Fair Share Objective of 28% MBE and 4% WBE
- Monitor and track planned and actual participation against Fair Share Objective of 32% MBE and 6% WBE





#### CONTRACTING AND EMPLOYMENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES L. S. Caldwell & Associates, Inc./DP Consultants

#### EMPLOYMENT

- Review certified payroll in accordance with the Davis Bacon Wage Determinations; conduct onsite employee interviews (ALL)
- District of Columbia First Source Employment Agreements (FSEA) when applicable - 51% of new hires DC residents (Contracts \$100K & Over)
- DC FSEA registration of Apprenticeship Programs 35% of total apprentice hours performed by DC residents (Contracts \$500K & Over)
- Collect resident hiring data for Major Project contracts (ALL)



## DC Water Major Projects Included In Compliance Program

#### **DC Clean Rivers**

- Blue Plains Tunnel (BPT)
- CSO 019
- M Street Diversion Sewer

#### Enhanced Nitrogen Removal (ENR 1C)

Enhanced Nitrogen Removal (ENR 2C)

#### **BioSolids Management**

- Main Process Train (MPT)
- Final Dewatering Facility 1C (FDF1)
- Final Dewatering Facility 2C (FDF2)
- Combined Heat & Power (CHP)



## DC Water Major Projects CONTRACT VALUES

\$330,561,000
\$ 27,890,000
\$ 29,750,000

Enhanced Nitrogen Removal 1C \$69,502,000

Enhanced Nitrogen Removal 2C \$97,118,000

Bio Solids Management

Main Process Train	\$2	206,173,500
Final Dewatering Facility 1C	\$	6,999,000
Final Dewatering Facility 2C	\$	78,081,000
<b>Combined Heat &amp; Power</b>	\$	83,015,875

#### TOTAL VALUE OF MAJOR PROJECTS = \$929,090,375

#### FAIR SHARE OBJECTIVES Architectural/Engineering 28% MBE/4% WBE Construction 32% MBE/6% WBE



## DC Water Major Projects Subject to Fair Share Objectives

Total Value of Major Projects	\$929,090,375
-DC Water Design-Build Exclusions	(\$136,582,780)
<b>Total Costs Subject to Fair Share Objectives</b>	\$792,507,594

DC Water determined the necessity to exclude some costs on Design Build contracts

Examples of Exclusions from Fair Share Objectives:

Cambi System (MPT)	\$37,036,000
Tunnel Boring Machine (BPT)	\$30,000,000
Contingencies/Allowances	<u>\$69,546,780 (</u> Approximate)
	\$136,582,780



## DC Water Major Projects Subject to Fair Share Objectives

Total Costs Subject to Fair Share Objectives	\$792,507,595
Design Costs Subject to Fair Share Objectives	\$26,715,538
28% MBE Design Costs Planned	\$7,480,351
29% MBE Design Awarded to Date	\$7,646,602
4% WBE Design Costs Planned	\$1,068,621
6% WBE Design Awarded to Date	\$1,651,530
Construction Costs Subject to Fair Share Objectives	\$765,792,056
32% MBE Construction Costs Planned	\$245,053,458
24% MBE Construction Awarded to Date	\$184,474,134
6% WBE Construction Costs Planned	\$45,947,523
3% WBE Construction Awarded to Date	\$24,217,367



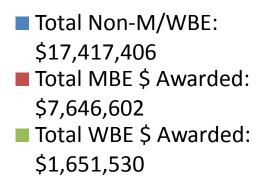
## DC Water Major Projects M/WBE Contracting Summary

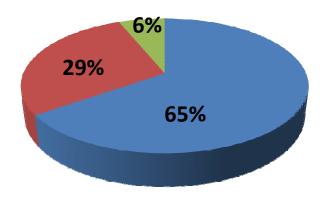




### TOTAL Design M/WBE Subcontracts Awarded to Date

#### TOTAL DESIGN CONTRACTING









# + GOALS EXCEEDED

Design goals are 28% MBE and 4 % WBE and only apply to Professional Services on the three (3) Major Projects that are design-build contracts (Blue Plains Tunnel, Main Process Train, Combined Heat and Power)

Fair Share Objective achievement is measured by M/WBE confirmation of payment

#### TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE

MBE Payments	\$3,877,997	
WBE Payments	\$ 840,115	

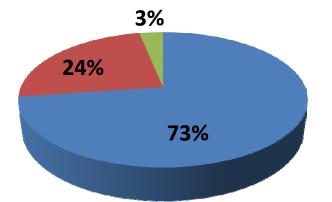
PROJECTS STARTED MAY 2011 DATA COLLECTION BEGAN FEBRUARY 2012

### TOTAL Construction M/WBE Subcontracts Awarded to Date

#### TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING Total Non-M/WBE: \$557,100,555

Total MBE \$ Awarded: \$184,474,134

Total WBE \$ Awarded: \$24,217,367



**TOTAL: \$765,792,056** 

## Construction goals are 32% MBE and 6 % WBE

Fair Share Objective achievement is measured by M/WBE confirmation of payment

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO DATE

MBE Payments	\$37,714,347
WBE Payments	\$ 5,952,615



#### Challenges to M/WBE Goal Achievement

- 1. It is now an option to use M/WBEs on second tier contracting to achieve goals. It was not a requirement for current contract awards and Prime Contractors are reluctant to push subcontracting goals down to larger non-M/WBE first tier subcontractors with subcontracting/supply opportunities even though it would greatly assist contractors in achieving M/WBE contractual commitments.
  - Proposed Solution: Compliance officers must investigate subcontracting opportunities at the point when a Subcontract Approval Request is initiated for the non-M/WBE subcontractor, requesting second tier M/WBE contracting when opportunities are available.



#### Challenges to M/WBE Goal Achievement

- 3. Complete reporting by all contractors. The Third Party Contract Compliance Program has initiated new systems; on-line reporting, payment verifications and 2<sup>nd</sup> party reporting that were new requirements not included in prior contracts. Contractors with prior contracts have been slow to respond.
  - Proposed Solution: We continue working with prior Contractors via Contractor Training and Online Training programs, individual Compliance support and additional contracting resources. For new contractors, DC Water has now included solicitation language that specifies the base reporting requirements of the Compliance Program and mandates contractor responsibilities.



## DC Water Major Projects Employment Summary





## **Employment Statistics**

# **Total Contractor Employees on Major Projects:** 518

Employee Residence*						
District of Columbia	Prince George's County	Montgomery County	Arlington County	Fairfax County	Loudoun County	Outside of User Jurisdictions
58	83	41	14	50	7	265

\*Information obtained to date; ongoing updates



PROJECTS STARTED MAY 2011; DATA COLLECTION BEGAN FEBRUARY 2012

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## **Employment of DC Residents**

#### **Total DC Residents on Major Projects: 58\***

DC Employee Residents by Ward							
One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
5	6	1	5	6	3	16	16

\* Information obtained to date; ongoing updates



## **Employment of DC Residents**

<b>Total DC Residents on Major Projects:</b>	58*
New DC Resident Hires through	
Department of Employment Services:	40
Transfer of Existing DC Resident	
<b>Employees to Major Projects</b> :	18



## **DC Apprenticeship Statistics**

#### (DC Requirement – 35% DC Resident Hours)

No. of	Total	No. of DC	% DC
Apprentices	Apprentice	Resident	Resident
	Hours	Hours	Hours
22	6,343	5,124	81%

\*Information obtained to date; ongoing updates



## Select Overview of Employment Data By Jurisdiction

Sample From 3 major contractors Total Number of Employees: 105*			
Total Number of New Hires: Total Number of Transfers:		65 40	
<b>Overview of ENR1C and FDF 2C</b>			
DC	8		
Maryland	42	2	
Virginia	29		
North Carolina	14	ļ	
South Carolina	1		
Texas	1		tes
Georgia	8		



## **Major Projects Employment Initiative**

- > A program is being developed for October 2012 to:
  - Introduce major project contractors to Training Resource Providers, identified in the earlier Employment Initiative, that provide unskilled and skilled trade labor and
  - Introduce "Speed Interview/Hiring"; matching contractor labor needs to providers/laborers to assist in fulfilling the labor need.
- An onsite Employment Trailer will be opened October 2012, to encourage contractor employment by providing a space for scheduled interviews.



## Challenges to Employment on Major Projects

- DC Water is continuing work with DOES to ensure appropriate support for contractor participation in the FSEA program.
  - Proposed Solution: DC Water and DOES are working towards the development of a stronger relationship and to identify alternate employment solutions.
- To date, discussions related to adoption of a DC Water employment program are preliminary.
  - Proposed Solution: DC Water is continues to review alternative inhouse employment programs.



## Challenges to Employment on Major Projects

- Complete employment reporting by Prime, First Tier and Second Tier Contractors is very slow. Since the requirements for DC Water employment reporting were not included in most of the contracts, i.e., Third Party Compliance, on line reporting, District of Columbia/by Ward and User Jurisdiction hiring, etc. Contractors have been slow to respond to reporting requirements.
  - Proposed Solution: We continue working with prior Contractors via Contractor Training and Online Training programs, individual Compliance support and additional contracting resources. This has improved since our last report.
  - For new contractors, DC Water has now included solicitation language that alerts the contractors to the base requirements of the Compliance Program with associated responsibilities.



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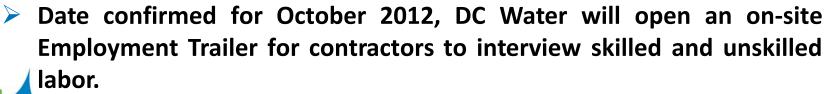
- DC Water's decision to hire a third party compliance firm has resulted in independent contracting and employment compliance monitoring and documentation on Major Projects.
- A formal Contracting and Employment Compliance Program has resulted in: standards, uniformity of contracting and employment reporting and the initiation of an on-line reporting system for Major Projects.
- Utilization of second tier contractors has increased the number of subcontracting/supplier opportunities for M/WBEs.

Allowing second tier subcontractors/suppliers to count towards the goals, have opened new avenues for prime contractor compliance.

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### DC Water Major Projects Summary

- On Design/Build projects, the design goals of 28% MBE and 4% WBE, have been exceeded.
- The collection of employment statistics now allows DC Water to use empirical data to judge effectiveness of employment outreach/programs.
- DC Water now has a Compliance Enforcement Program and process that allows for the "almost real time" collection of "actual" vs. "booked" employment data at the contract and sub-contract level.





**DC Water Major Projects** 

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

