

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Proposed Overall Annual Goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007
(October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007)

The ARRC is an equal opportunity corporation that encourages the participation of DBEs as prime contractors or subcontractors on its contracts funded in whole or in part by the relevant agencies of the United States Department of Transportation (“DOT”).

DBE Program - The ARRC has modified its DBE Program to eliminate contract goals and to establish a 100% race neutral program. . Despite the fact that DBE goals will not be set on individual contracts, the ARRC aspires to achieve an overall DBE participation of 2.5% in FY 2007.

The ARRC, in conjunction with other DOT recipients in the state, is in the process of finalizing a solicitation for a federally-funded disparity study that will identify whether unlawful discrimination is occurring in connection with DOT-funded contracts and, if it is, the extent of that discrimination. The study is designed to determine whether participation by historically disadvantaged businesses is representational of such businesses’ availability, readiness, willingness, and ability to bid on DOT- funded projects.

For additional information or to comment or provide input, please contact the ARRC EEO Office at (907) 265-2529 or via Alaska Relay Service for hearing impaired - Dial 7-1-1 from anywhere inside Alaska, **OR** dial toll-free from anywhere outside the state (800) 770-8255 (**voice**); (800) 770-8973 (**TTY**); (800) 770-3919 (ASCII); (866) 355-6198 (STS); (866) 355-6199 (**Spanish**); (800)-770-6108 (VCO Direct). Also, upon request printed materials can be made available in alternative formats.

Written comments should be addressed to the Manager, EEO at P.O. Box 107500, Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7500; faxed to (907) 265-2284; or emailed to Morrisono@akrr.com. The office is located in the ARRC’s Historic Depot; 421 West First Avenue; Anchorage, Alaska, Monday - Friday and is open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you prefer you may send your comments directly to FTA (Attn: Herman Payton, Civil Rights Officer); Jackson Federal Building, Room 3142; 915 Second Avenue; Seattle, Washington 98174. Comments will be **accepted for 45 days** from the date of this notice.