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Subject: RE: Dale Street Bridge Cooperative Agreement

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A brief overview of the items associated with the contract related to the workforce:

1. Being this is a federally-funded project, a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is required to receive the funding. The MnDOT Office of Civil Rights oversees this program and determines the goals for projects. This program is in place to ensure women and minority owned businesses have the opportunity to participate in contracts. The goal for Dale Street was 9.5% which the contractor has met. The county/MnDOT monitors the goal as the project is completed.
2. Ramsey County has a workforce goal for both women and people of color. The women goal was 20% and the people of color goal was 32%. This not only covers the prime contractor but all the subcontractors performing work on the project well.
3. Ramsey County has hired TKDA to perform the construction administration and inspection on the project. TKDA has hired a subcontractor, IMO Consulting Group to provide for inspection services on the project. IMO is a DBE, minority owned company that is local to the Twin Cities (Minnetonka). TKDA hired Mica Anders to provide communication and coordination expertise. Mica is local to the project and is one of the artists providing work/ideas for the project. TKDA hired Martinez Geospatial to provide aerial photography. Martinez is a minority owned business local to the Twin Cities.
4. Ramsey County Workforce Solutions will be heavily involved in the project as well. John O'Phelan with Workforce Solutions has put together a job fair for the construction trades on April 30th. This job fair will help locals find opportunities not only with regards to the Dale project but within the construction industry that will provide employment opportunities for years to come. Workforce Solutions is also working with the many unions in the metro area to provide information on joining and job opportunities within the union(s).
5. Ramsey County is also looking to hold a project kick-off event that will provide opportunity to the community to come learn more about the project. Ideas are still being put together regarding the event, included ideas are a project table to field questions about the project itself(contractor may be available as well), a workforce solutions table, a table with union representatives. This event has yet to be finalized.

Please let me know if there is any other information you may need or if you have any questions on any of the items above.

Thank you.

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