

AGENDA ITEM #6 - REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2012
SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS ON RTA PROJECTS

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The RTA and City of Tucson have been in a continuing discussions about Small Business Enterprise (SBE) requirements on City managed RTA funded projects. Many of the concerns have been centered on the process for establishing the goal amount and the consequences of a high goal. We have heard from stakeholders on all sides of this issue, and we are engaged in continuing, productive dialogue.

RTA and City staffs agree that opening up the goal setting process will be productive, and allow all voices to be heard, prior to advertising for bid. This said, the outcomes must still be ultimately acceptable to the governing bodies.

It is therefore the recommendation that:

For the next 90 days, City of Tucson RTA-funded construction projects will be reviewed for Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals by the City of Tucson's Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (OEO) on a project-by-project basis subsequent to receiving input and recommendations from a committee consisting of designated representatives from the RTA, Tucson Utility Contractors Association, the Arizona Builder's Alliance and the Alliance of Construction Trades. Goals will be established by consensus of the committee. Upon the end of the 90 day review period the process and outcomes will be reviewed.