

Supplier Diversity Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2010
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendees:

Jay Burks, Dean Stotler, Cathy Imburgia, Ron Frazer, Ken Anderson, Cleon Cauley, Sakthi Vel, Pam Draper, Clay Hammond, Ron Tutundji

Call to Order

Cleon Cauley called the meeting to order at 1:14 pm.

The minutes from the last SDC meeting were accepted by the council.

Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise Update

Discussion: Jay provided an update, discussion highlights include:

Synchronize all events related to supplier diversity with OMWBE to get more exposure.

Mega Biz Fest participation is up this year due to SDC and liaison assistance/The numbers will be added into the Executive Report to reflect influence of the SDC/Report will also include a comparison of the events' participation before and after EO 14.

Reviewed material available on the website/Use of social media.

DEDO's new Fisker portal which will operate on Fisker's website.

Agency Liaisons and their SD plans/Some agencies cannot commit to the timeline, OMWBE will work with them/Suggest bringing them in to be a part of the SDC meeting also suggested to have the Cabinet Secretary review plans/Review which agencies still need to provide plans.

Expectation of the Governor's office once plans are submitted; review outline of what final plan will look like and get feedback going forward.

Action/Next Step: Cleon to send email to Cabinet Secretaries to review SDC plans, Jay will assist in drafting email/ Update SDC plans by 9/30 /Touch base with agencies who have submitted their plans and have them provide a one-page summary for the Governor.

Training and Education Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Results of survey showed that best training was SBA 8(a)/ Review External v. Internal training/Participant feedback was that material, organization and instructor were the most important factors when it comes to training.

Next Step: Engage who is interested and who is willing to do training/Collaborate with SBA

Disparity Study Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Cleon provided a report on legal issues in regards to disparity study/Without any data or history, there is no evidence to support a disparity study/Review legal guidelines/Current cases focus on cities and towns, not much on a state level/State would need to start collecting broad data.

Define discrimination amongst all groups/will not be the same for all
Argument against study/Won't become an issue until someone files suit/What race neutral practices were put in place/Look at State of Maryland and the difference/DE has nothing to trigger disparity study.

Arguments in favor of study/needed because we don't have data.

Next Steps: Prepare summary of legal issues to add to Executive report/Draft document outlining legal reasons why we are and/or are not in position to do a disparity study

Potential Impediments Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Review list of impediments/Discussed if this group needs to transition into the 'Solutions' sub-committee or should that duty be forwarded to Transparency & Opportunity sub-committee.

Impediments at Chair level/how to handle/SDC would like all issue put forth
Impediments as they relate to fiscal impact.

Next Steps: Provide solutions to items on impediments list.

Transparency & Opportunity Subcommittee Update

Discussion: Issues with State website/visitors will be redirected to the bid.gov site from the agency sites/request that users only use bid.gov site to post.
New boilerplate has been published and released.

Next Steps: Dean will update opportunities list and submit at next meeting.

Public Comment

Mark Tucker of Tucker Development Plus

Comment: Look at study as opportunity for Governor to create more jobs, suggested looking at spend dollars from stimulus and parlay across the board. Also look at companies who would be willing to help support study.

Additional Discussion

Questions regarding companies in Delaware & federal and constitutional laws.

Choosing "race neutral wording.

Other programs that are offered that are not MWB owned but can benefit these groups.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:08 pm