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Subject: RE: Fair Share Program / Engineering Qualifications Based Selection Process
Attachments:

Mr. Wilson, following are the sponsors recommendations to the Council Administrator's Office. The final list of appointments will be available on Monday and ratified by the Council on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 for work to commence on September 2, 2009. Thanks.

The sponsors of the DBE Policy are recommending a diverse, broad based and inclusive composition of Task Force members as follows:

1. Mayor's Designee
2. Council Designee
3. Architect's Council Designee
4. Contractor's Council Designee
5. Baton Rouge Area Chamber Designee
6. Baton Rouge Black Chamber of Commerce Designee
7. North Baton Rouge Business Association Designee
8. LA Minority Business Council Designee
9. Baton Rouge Metro Airport Designee
- 10.LA Department of Transportation & Development Designee
- 11.LA Department of Economic Development Designee
- 12.Southern University College of Business Designee
- 13.LA State University College of Business Designee
- 14.ACEC Designee
- 15.Usher Group Designee
- 16.User Group Designee
- 17.Ministerial Alliance Designee
- 18.SEIU Designee

The charge of the Task Force as we understand the content, intent and spirit of the resolution is:

- A. The Task Force will use the Fair Share Policy and the Mayor's 2006 Administrative Regulation as a Guide.
- B. The Task Force will work together to develop an implementation plan and process.
- C. The Task Force will work together to develop an RFP for the Independent Contractor Selection.

In addition, we envision the timeline for the Task Force to proceed as follows:

August 14, 2009 - Forward to the Council Administrator a listing of recommended Task Force appointees

August 20, 2009 - Deadline for Resumes to be submitted to the Council Administrator

August 26, 2009 - Appointments are approved by the EBRP Councilmembers

September 2, 2009 - The first official meeting of the Task Force

September 9, 2009 - The 2nd official meeting of the Task Force

September 12, 2009 - The Mayor's DBE Summit (Tentative)

September 16, 2009 - The 3rd official meeting of the Task Force

September 23, 2009 - The 4th official meeting of the Task Force

September 30, 2009 - The 5th official meeting of the Task Force

October 1, 2009 - The Task Force Report is submitted to the Council for Review

October 8, 2009 - The Fair Share/DBE Implementation Plan & Process is introduced for Public Hearing

October 21, 2009 - The Public Hearing is conducted for the Fair Share/DBE Policy Implementation Plan

We have included the Mayor's Office and all of our fellow Council colleagues in this correspondence for their consideration as well. (Please confirm the date of the Summit with the Mayor's Office.)

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to expedite this process as there is a great deal of interest in what the next steps are on the part of the public and our desire to see a successful outcome.

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Ms. Edwards

Thank you for getting back with me so promptly. Where can I get information on the Task Force such as members and meeting dates/times. The Louisiana Engineering Society is very interested in following the progress of the Task Force.

Thank you again for your time and promptness.

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Mr. Wilson, the engineering industry and profession is already well represented in the make up of the Task Force. The deadline for nominees was Thursday, August 20, 2009. The meetings will all be open to the public and you're welcome to work with the members of your industry to get your input included.

In fact, the Task Force certainly has the option to open up their work to presentations from any stakeholders.

Thank you for your interest.

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Dear Metro Council Members:

The LES Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued service to the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge. As a governing authority and policy-making board, your decisions and actions have a substantial effect on the area.

Due to the media attention that it has received, the "Fair Share Program" has caught the attention of the LES Executive Board. The Board actively supports efforts to provide a "fair" means of contracting work with the City/Parish. In fact, it was LES who helped create an ordinance in 1989 that implemented a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process for selecting engineers and surveyors to perform work for the City/Parish. The QBS process, to the extent possible, removes politics from the selection process and correctly places quality and public welfare above all other considerations.

The LES Executive Board would like to assist in reviewing the new "Fair Share Program" policy in an effort to ensure that it does not unintentionally compromise the effectiveness of the QBS process. For your reference, I have attached the ordinance that created the QBS process. It is widely recognized throughout the design community (locally and nationally) that a QBS system is far superior to any other form of selection process. The federal government and 47 states follow a QBS selection process for procuring professional design services, and have determined that this is the best way to protect the health and safety of their citizens. Additionally, the current East Baton Rouge selection process has been praised nationally for its independence and impartiality, resulting from its makeup of professional members and lack of political influence.

We thank you for your attention to this issue, and would again like to offer our assistance in the review process. Should you have any questions or need to discuss this issue in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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