

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CONCERNING DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBEs)**

It is the policy of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) that small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of public contracts financed in whole, or in part, by the Federal Transit Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation. To ensure that disadvantaged businesses are afforded equal opportunities to participate in all aspects of the contractual process, the MPO has established overall program goals. Specifically, the MPO proposes to award a minimum of 1.7% of the federal assistance it receives for public contracts to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) certified DBEs. Overall goals are available for inspection by the public for 30 days (through July 7, 2008) following the publication of this notice; comments will be accepted for 45 days (through July 22, 2008).

Requests for inspection of documents may be directed to the office listed below, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. DBE procedures and application may be obtained at:

[http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/New\\_Folder/Files/UCP%20MODIFIED%20APPLICATION.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/New_Folder/Files/UCP%20MODIFIED%20APPLICATION.pdf)

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