

Oregon Department of Transportation 2016 Disparity Study



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External Stakeholder Group
Update Meeting

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Objectives for External Stakeholder Group Update Meeting

1. Update on ODOT waiver
2. Recap of 2016 Disparity Study purpose, scope and previous meetings
3. Update on study schedule and timing of draft report
4. Complete MBE/WBE detailed utilization review
 - Purpose
 - August 25 meeting
 - Final review
5. In-depth interview update
6. Q & A
7. Next External Stakeholder Group meeting

2a. Recap study scope and purpose

- ODOT must implement the Federal DBE Program, per 49 CFR Part 26
- Disparity study provides information to help ODOT:
 - Set overall goal for DBE participation on FHWA-funded contracts
 - Consider whether ODOT can achieve overall DBE goal solely through neutral means
 - If ODOT needs to continue DBE contract goals, assess the specific race/ethnic/gender groups eligible for that program component
- USDOT instructed agencies to conduct disparity studies after 2005 Ninth Circuit decision in *Western States Paving v. Washington State DOT*
- Also, outside review of ODOT practices and other policies is useful

2b. Past meetings and other opportunities for input

- January 29 kick-off meeting with ESG
- Late February public meetings throughout Oregon
- June 2 ESG project update meeting
- August 25 meeting to review detailed utilization data
- Other communications include:
 - Press release, email blast and trade association meetings
 - www.odotdbestudy.org website, info@www.odotdbestudy.org dedicated email address and 503-660-8865 hotline
 - Availability survey
 - In-depth interviews and focus groups with businesses, trade associations, ODOT staff and other agencies
- Future ESG meetings, public review and comment on draft report, public meetings throughout Oregon and other input

3. Update on study schedule and timing of draft report

October 29, 2015	EOC and ESG meetings Review of firm-level utilization results
Mid-January 2016	EOC and ESG meetings Final utilization analysis Qualitative/quantitative analysis of marketplace conditions
Early March 2016	EOC and ESG meetings Availability and disparity analyses Preliminary overall DBE goal for FHWA-funded contracts Any recommendations
Early March 2016	Release of draft report for ESG and public review/comment
Late March 2016	Public meetings (including virtual) across Oregon
April 2016	Close of public comment period
May 2016	EOC and ESG meetings Review of public input and any additions to analysis
Early June 2016	Final report complete

4. Firm-level utilization review

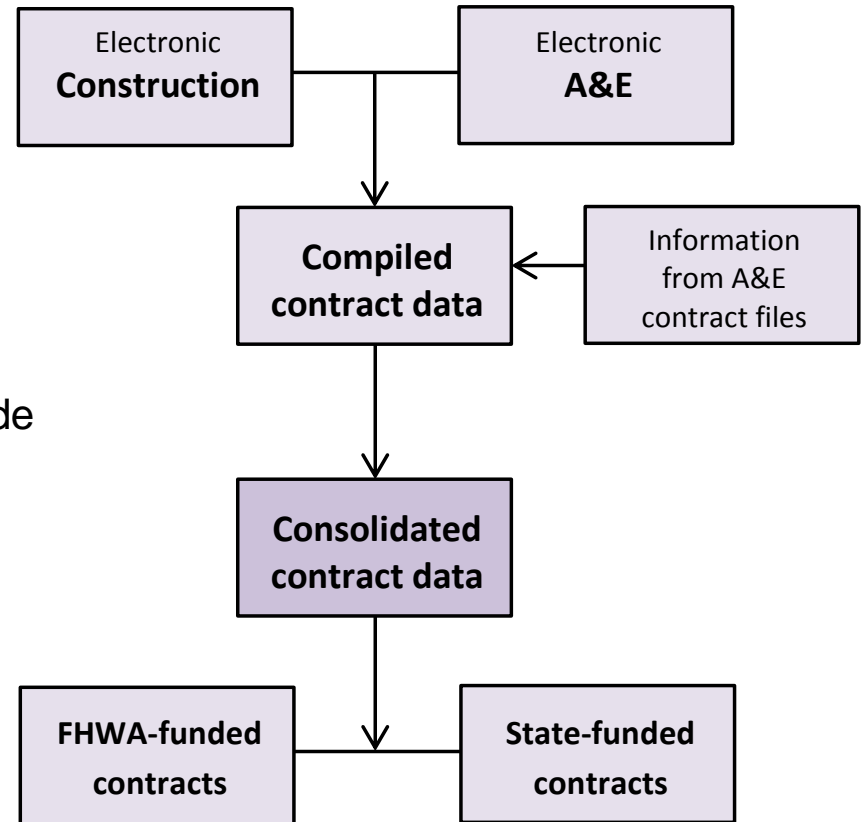
FHWA- and state-funded
transportation-related contracts

Contracts awarded Oct. 2010
through Sept. 2014

Includes contract dollars for
local agencies

Dollars for each contract divided
into subcontract dollars and
“retained” amount for prime contractor

Source of ownership information include
M/W/D/ESB certification data,
other ODOT data,
telephone interviews with companies,
other research,
ODOT internal review,
ESG subgroup review on Aug 25



5. In-depth interview update

- Overview of completed interviews
 - 59 businesses
 - 12 trade association members
 - 6 other local agencies (to date)
 - 15 ODOT staff (to date)

- Key results include:
 - Input concerning ODOT operation of the Federal DBE Program
 - Barriers and opportunities for small and MBE/WBE prime contractors
 - Access to capital and related issues such as bonding

6. Q&A



7. Next External Stakeholder Group meeting

- Mid-January 2016
- Items for discussion will include:
 - Final utilization results for different types of ODOT contracts within Federal DBE Program and outside DBE Program
 - Comprehensive results from interviews and other qualitative analyses
 - Quantitative analysis of marketplace and ODOT-specific barriers identified by minority-, women- and majority-owned firms
 - Statistical analysis of marketplace conditions