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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 13, 2013

**TO:** Gasser Dougé, Engineer IV  
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**THRU:** Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director   
Office of Economic and Small Business Development

**FROM:** Christopher Atkinson, Assistant Director   
Office of Economic and Small Business Development

**SUBJECT:** RFP No. R1142806P1 – Engineering Services for Various Projects at North Perry Airport (HWO)  
**DBE Compliance Evaluation**

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) has revisited its September 17, 2013 review of the respondents' Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation, for purposes of clarification and consistency with the original solicitation language. An overview is provided as follows:

The DBE Goal for this project: 26%

#### Met the DBE Requirements:

- **Atkins North America, Inc.**

Advance Consulting Engineering Services, Inc.

BND Engineers, Inc.

Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.

Keith and Associates, Inc.

**Total DBE Participation**

#### Category

#### Agreed Percentage

DBE 2.00%

DBE 18.00%

DBE 5.00%

DBE 15.00%

**40.00%**

- **Michael Baker Jr., Inc.**

Brown & Phillips, Inc.

Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.

Tierra South Florida, Inc.

**Total DBE Participation**

DBE 5%

DBE 16%

DBE 5%

**26%**

- **Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.**

Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.

Keith and Associates, Inc.

Tierra South Florida, Inc.

**Total DBE Participation**

DBE 12%

DBE 12%

DBE 3%

**27%**

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**Met the DBE Requirements:**

|   | <b><u>Category</u></b> | <b><u>Agreed Percentage</u></b> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • <b>Marks Brothers, Inc.</b>                 |                        |                                 |
| Advance Consulting Engineering Services, Inc. | DBE                    | 4%                              |
| Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.          | DBE                    | 6%                              |
| Keith and Associates, Inc.                    | DBE                    | <u>16%</u>                      |
| <b>Total DBE Participation</b>                |                        | <b>26%</b>                      |
| • <b>T.Y. Lin International, Inc.</b>         |                        |                                 |
| Advance Consulting Engineering Services, Inc. | DBE                    | 2%                              |
| Nifah and Partners Consulting Engineers, Inc. | DBE                    | 12%                             |
| Nova Consulting, Inc.                         | DBE                    | <u>12%</u>                      |
| <b>Total DBE Participation</b>                |                        | <b>26%</b>                      |
| • <b>EAC Consulting, Inc.</b>                 |                        |                                 |
| ACAI Associates, Inc.                         | DBE                    | 1.25%                           |
| Advance Consulting Engineering Services, Inc. | DBE                    | 4.50%                           |
| Delta G Consulting Engineers, Inc.            | DBE                    | 2.25%                           |
| Hillers Electrical Engineering, Inc.          | DBE                    | 4.00%                           |
| Keith and Associates, Inc.                    | DBE                    | 8.00%                           |
| Radise International, LLC                     | DBE                    | 3.50%                           |
| S & F Engineers, Inc.                         | DBE                    | <u>2.50%</u>                    |
| <b>Total DBE Participation</b>                |                        | <b>26.00%</b>                   |

**DBE Compliance Comments:**

**Atkins North America, Inc., Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., Marks Brothers, Inc., T.Y. Lin International, Inc., and EAC Consulting, Inc.** are deemed compliant to the DBE requirements for this solicitation.

OESBD's original review found that EAC Consulting was non-compliant with the DBE requirements established for the RFP, based on a narrow interpretation from the using agency of the project's scope of services. However, the original solicitation document suggests that the "selected consultant team will provide the services of airport planners, civil, electrical, mechanical and geotechnical engineers and *other professionals as needed* to complete the work" (emphasis added). OESBD's present review of the vendor's original submission, taking into account the scope of services in its entirety, suggests that the original EAC Consulting response was consistent with the solicitation language. OESBD has therefore amended its original review to include EAC Consulting, Inc. as having met the DBE requirement as outlined in the solicitation.

cc: Anthony Fattizzi, Senior Small Business Development Specialist, OESBD  
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