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Franklin County Engineer Establishes Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

[Columbus, Ohio – May 4, 2020] – Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S., Franklin County Engineer, announces the establishment of the Franklin County Engineer’s Office (FCEO) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for locally funded construction projects. The program is intended to help remove barriers that impede the participation of DBEs in FCEO locally funded projects, assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside of the DBE program and foster nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FCEO locally funded projects.



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“On behalf of the citizens of Franklin County, I have established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program (DBE) for the Franklin County Engineer’s locally funded construction projects. As The Franklin County Engineer, it is my objective that DBEs have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FCEO-administered contracts and procurement activities, and to promote the use of DBEs in all types of contracts and procurement activities conducted by the Franklin County Engineer’s Office,” said Cornell Robertson.



Engineer Robertson has designated Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator, Simone Burley as the DBE Liaison Officer (DBELO). In that role, Mrs. Burley is responsible for administering the FCEO DBE program. Mrs. Burley says, “Engineer Robertson’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion has resulted in the implementation of an excellent program that will promote the use of disadvantaged businesses in FCEO locally funded construction projects. It is important that the program contributes to the development of DBE firms that are ready, willing and able to compete for contracts within the construction industry.”

The Franklin County Engineer’s Resurfacing Program, to be advertised on May 5, 2020 for bid on May 19, 2020, will be the first FCEO project to utilize the new FCEO DBE program.

For more information about Franklin County Engineer’s Office construction projects, visit our website: www.franklincountyengineer.org.

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