



# **Availability and Disparity Study**

**Presentation to the Diversity and  
Economic Opportunity Committee**

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# Overview

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- State Law and Board Policy Mandates
- Purpose of disparity study
- Components of a Disparity Study
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- Draft Schedule and Timeline



# State Law and Board Policy Mandates

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- State Law requires periodic review of the Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program.
  - DART Board Policy provides that:
    - The Board of Directors shall regularly, at least every six years, determine whether there is a continuing need for the DART DBE and M/WBE Programs.

# Purpose of Disparity Study

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1. To comply with State law.
  2. To comply with DART Board Policy.

# Purpose of Disparity Study

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The most pertinent objective in conducting a disparity study is to determine whether any underutilization of Minority and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) on DART contracts is statistically significant.

# Components of Disparity Study

- Legal Review and Analysis
- Prime Contractor Utilization Analysis
- Subcontractor Utilization Analysis
- Market Area Analysis
- Prime Contractor Availability Analysis
- Subcontractor Availability Analysis
- Prime Contractor Disparity Analysis
- Subcontractor Disparity Analysis
- Recommendations

# Last Board Review and Approval

- The Board of Directors approved the last Disparity Study and Review and continued the M/WBE Program in February 2014.
- Compliance with Board Policy requires conducting a current review of DART's M/WBE Program.

# Draft Schedule & Timeline

Availability and Disparity Study Activity	Proposed Date
Economic Opportunity and Diversity Committee Briefing (EOD)	July 10, 2018
EOD Committee approval to enter into legal services contract to update disparity study	August 14, 2018
Committee of-the-Whole approval to enter into legal services contract	August 28, 2018
Final Committee of-the-Whole and DART Board approval of legal services contract	September 11, 2018
Enter into agreement between Legal Department and firm(s)	September 18, 2018
EOD Committee briefing on status of study update	March 2019
Receipt of draft updated study	June 2019
Meetings between DART, legal counsel and study provider	June – September 2019
Receipt of Draft Legal Opinion	September 2019
Receipt of Final Study and Final Legal Opinion	October 2019
Request Committee Approval	November 2019
Request Board Approval	December 2019



# Questions



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