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COMMITMENT TO SMALL, LOCAL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission ("WSSC") maintains strong and active relationships with highly qualified Small, Local and Minority Business Enterprise ("SLMBE") firms. The SLMBE Program not only helps our organization meet important business needs but promotes job creation and stimulates the local economy by increasing the contract opportunities for small and minority businesses located in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Maryland.

The SLMBE Program has created many win-win solutions for the Commission and our 1.8 million residents to whom we proudly provide water and sewer services. During the past decade, WSSC has awarded more than **\$400 million** dollars of business to SLMBE firms. We are determined to build on this record and to do even more.

The SLMBE Program is just good business. The success of WSSC is driven by an array of factors but most fundamentally includes our commitment to provide safe, cost effective and reliable water and wastewater services; anticipate the opportunities which lie ahead in this vital and essential industry; ensure the protection of our environment, and other areas critical to our business. We recognize that SLMBE firms help provide ideas and perspectives reflective of the diverse marketplace and community which we serve. In short, it is often the SLMBE firm that can and does help us better serve our community.

Our SLMBE Program was not developed as an isolated initiative. Rather, it is interwoven in our core strategies: developing people; caring for customers; communications and community relationships; infrastructure asset management, and environmental stewardship. As a result, we continue to reap the benefits of the innovation of SLMBE firms, as have our customers and other key stakeholders.

The SLMBE Program is an important area for reinforcing our leadership, not only in the water and wastewater industry but in the wider community. Our success depends on our ability to manage costs, as well as to provide safe and reliable service to our customers. We recognize that SLMBE firms play a key role in helping us achieve these essential goals.

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