

**PARTNERING FOR GROWTH PROGRAM
FOR
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBEs)**

PSB: _____ ITEM: _____

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN:**

THE MENTOR:	FIRM NAME ADDRESS	A N D	THE PROTÉGÉ:	FIRM NAME ADDRESS

Note: The Partnering for Growth Program was formerly known as the Partnership-Mentor/Protégé Program.

Note: The DBE goal is separate and distinct from the VOSB goal. A single firm may not be utilized to achieve credit toward both DBE and VOSB goals on a single project. Therefore, the protégé participation must match the goal for which the protégé is being utilized.

I. PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Mentor and the Protégé commit to entering into a Partnering for Growth Agreement in accordance with the current guidelines of the Tollway's Partnering for Growth (formerly known as Partnership Mentor/Protégé) Program for DBEs. The purpose of the Program is to facilitate the Tollway's professional service consultants with:

- A. Meeting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goals,
- B. Establishing new partnerships with DBE firms that have no prior experience providing professional services to the Tollway,
- C. Continuing technical and nontechnical support for DBE firms that have limited experience providing professional services to the Tollway, and

II. Assisting DBE firms with building their capacity and becoming and/or remaining self-sufficient, competitive, and profitable business enterprises. A DBE means a business certified by the Illinois Unified Certification Program as a DBE, or certified by the City of Chicago or Cook County as an M/WBE, or certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as an 8(a) business
CONFORMANCE TO PROGRAM GOALS

A. Participation in this project by the Protégé.

1. In area(s) being mentored:

- Technical work covered by Mentor's prequalification category(ies) _____%

Scope:

- _____ %

Scope:

Note: Protégé must participate in either one or both of these areas

2. In area(s) not being mentored:

- Work the Protégé will self-perform

____%

Note: Protégé participation in this area is optional

3. Total participation by the Protégé (Sum of 1. and 2.)

____%

B. Briefly describe an assessment of the Protégé's needs (*one-half page maximum*).

C. Briefly describe specific assistance the Mentor will provide to support the Protégé's needs (*one-half page maximum*).

III. MENTOR EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM

- A. Has the Prime consultant served as a Mentor on a Tollway project completed within the last five years? If yes, list Contract #(s): YES NO

Indicate Phase(s) of Work: ☐MP ☐DSE ☐CM ☐Other

Areas of Assistance:

- B. Is the Prime consultant currently serving as a Mentor on a Tollway project? If yes, list Contract #(s): YES NO

Indicate Phase(s) of Work: ☐MP ☐DSE ☐CM ☐Other

Areas of Assistance:

- C. Has the Prime consultant mentored the Protégé on another Tollway project within the last five years? If yes, list Contract #(s): YES NO

Indicate Phase(s) of Work: ☐MP ☐DSE ☐CM ☐Other

Areas of Assistance:

IV. PROTÉGÉ EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROGRAM

- A. Has the DBE firm ever been contracted by the Tollway as a Prime consultant? If yes, list date, Contract #, and description of scope for each project(s): YES NO

Date

Contract #

Description of Scope

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

B. Has the DBE firm participated in a Mentor/Protégé relationship on a Tollway project completed within the last five years? If yes, list the following for each project(s).

YES

NO

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Protégé Award \$</u>	<u>Mentored by</u>	<u>Area of Assistance</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Is the DBE firm currently participating in a Mentor/Protégé relationship on a Tollway project? If yes, list the following for each project(s).

YES

NO

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Protégé Award \$</u>	<u>Mentored by</u>	<u>Area of Assistance</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

D. Has the DBE firm participated in a Mentor/Protégé relationship on an Illinois Department of Transportation project completed within the last five years? If yes, list the following for each project(s).

YES

NO

<u>PTB No/Item</u>	<u>Protégé Award \$</u>	<u>Mentored by</u>	<u>Area of Assistance</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

- E. If the Protégé has been mentored in the same Area of Assistance proposed on this project for a Tollway and/or IDOT project a combined total of more than three times, provide explanation supporting need for additional mentoring.

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The purpose of this statement is to confirm a commitment between the Mentor and Protégé, that upon notice of selection from the Illinois Tollway for this PSB Item, a formal Partnering for Growth Agreement for DBEs will be prepared in accordance with the current guidelines of the Tollway's Partnering for Growth Program.

Should the proposer, after contract negotiation, wish to modify the 'Plan to Achieve Diversity Goal', the awarded consultant is requested to submit to the General Manager of Diversity a detailed explanation of the work category changes that were not known at the time of the SOI submittal.

SIGNATURE (Mentor Representative)

SIGNATURE (Protégé Representative)

(Date)

(Date)