

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

Office of Small Business Opportunity Ad Hoc Committee

July 26, 2016
4:45 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 4:45 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTIONS

SLBE Size Standards Revisions – Mr. Manning stated the committee held this item in committee until further input could be received from impacted, or potentially impacted, individuals, firms, and/or organizations. Staff received comments and input from individuals, firms, and organizations, such as the National Association of Minority Contractors, DESA and Chao & Associates. The majority of the input regarding the revisions was positive. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the two (2) revisions as proposed. Approval of the revisions will uphold the intent and integrity of the SLBE program; meaning, small and local businesses will qualify to participate in, and benefit from, the program.

The two (2) revisions are as follows:

1. Remove “within its largest primary NAICS commodity code” and base the size standard on annual gross revenue (AGR). This closes a loophole that could potentially allow non-eligible (i.e. “large” vs. “small”) firms to participate in the SLBE program.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Jeter, to approve staff’s recommendation.

Mr. Jackson requested to hear from the representatives from the business community present at the meeting.

Mr. Chao expressed his continued concern with the proposed changes in the SLBE Size Standards as it relates to the NAICS codes.

Mr. Livingston inquired as to how many NAICS codes a company can have.



Committee Members

Jim Manning, Chair
District Eight

Bill Malinowski
District One

Damon Jeter
District Three

Paul Livingston
District Four

Norman Jackson
District Eleven

Others Present:

Michelle Onley
Roxanne Ancheta
Brenda Parnell
Kristen Hutto
Rob Perry

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Ms. Parnell stated they are allowed to have as many codes as they want and/or need.

Mr. Livingston expressed concern that if the loophole is not closed it is going to create an opportunity to have large SLBE firms.

Ms. Sumpter stated she is in agreement with closing the loophole, but a \$7 million construction company cannot compete with a \$2 or \$3 million construction company.

Mr. Manning adjourned the meeting without any action being taken at this time on the matter. The item was be taken up at the next scheduled OSBO Ad Hoc meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.