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Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION**: DBE Small Business
Element

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This letter is to confirm that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have received the Florida Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Submission containing the new *Fostering Small Business Participation Element*. This submission is required pursuant to *Section 1101 (b) of Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and 49 CFR Part 26*, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Programs," particularly the Final Rule set forth in the Federal Register [76 FR 5083 – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise: Program Improvements] published January 28, 2011.

In reviewing Florida's small business element, both operating administrations have determined that it sufficiently fulfills the intent of this part. Please notify the Florida Department of Transportation of this approval.

If you need further assistance please feel free to contact Britney Berry of FTA at britney.berry@dot.gov, Martha Kenley of FHWA at martha.kenley@dot.gov.

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