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WSSC Extends Interim Minority Business Enterprise Program

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LAUREL, MARYLAND (December 1, 2009): The Commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) voted to extend the current interim Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program until April 30, 2011. The current extension of the Program expires on January 10, 2010. The action taken by the Commission demonstrates its commitment to promoting job creation and stimulating the economy by increasing contract opportunities for small and minority businesses.

While this interim MBE program is in effect, WSSC will conduct a disparity study to establish a factual predicate for a long-term MBE program. The current interim MBE program has been in effect since July 1, 2007.

Businesses interested in learning more about WSSC contracting opportunities can visit WSSC's Centralized Bidder Registration system located on WSSC's Web site at www.wsscwater.com and click on Centralized Bidder Registration under the Business section. They can also call the SLMBE office at (301) 206-8800.

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