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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 6, 2023

TO: Paul Strobis, Paratransit Director
 Broward County Transportation Department

THRU: Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director
 Office of Economic and Small Business Development

FROM: Donna-Ann Knapp, Small Business Development Manager
 Office of Economic and Small Business Development

SUBJECT: No CBE Goal for Paratransit Vehicles Procurement - Piggyback on
 FDOT Contract - **Surtax**

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The Broward County Transportation Department (BCT) Paratransit Division is seeking to purchase forty (40) Transit Minibuses utilizing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Contract No. TRIPS-22-CA-MB-LF-NBC for Standard Cutaway and Minibus Chassis Type Transit Vehicles with Nations Bus Corporation.

After careful examination of the information provided and a thorough search for certified firms in our CBE Small Business Directory, under NAICS Code 423110, the Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) has determined that a County Business Enterprise (CBE) goal cannot be placed on this solicitation. According to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners meeting on September 25, 2018 (Agenda Item No. 69), a 30% CBE goal was established for eligible projects funded by the Penny for Transportation Surtax. The Broward County Business Opportunity Act, Section 1-81, Broward County Code of Ordinances, as amended, is also applicable to this solicitation.

OESBD has determined that there are no firms in our directory certified under NAICS Code 423110. Furthermore, NAICS Code 423110 accounts for 100% of the project's scope. Consequently, a CBE goal cannot be placed on this project. While a goal cannot be set for this project, due to the current unavailability of firms in our Small Business Directory, we strongly encourage the Paratransit Division to consider engaging CBEs for any future opportunities that may arise during the course of this project.

Should you require assistance in identifying certified firms that are available to participate, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (954) 357-6400.

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