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### **Office of the District of Columbia Auditor Releases Report on Certified Business Enterprise Expenditures of Public-Private Development Construction Projects**

Today, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor (ODCA) released a report on Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) expenditures of public-private development construction projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 (October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012).

As stated in the Small, Local, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005, as amended, it is the Department of Small and Local Business Development's (DSLBD) goal and responsibility to stimulate and foster the economic growth and development of businesses based in and serving the District of Columbia. The Auditor examined whether developers complied with the requirements of Certified Business Enterprise Agreements (CBEAs) for FY 2012 and reported on the progress of developers in reaching the CBE goal established in CBEAs executed by the DSLBD. The Auditor found that of the 247 public-private development construction projects with CBEAs, 25 met or exceeded their CBE expenditure goals, 54 were still working towards their goals, and 168 did not submit expenditure reports for FY 2012.

Due to the significant economic benefits to the District resulting from developers' compliance with the CBE expenditure goals, the Auditor urges DSLBD to continue to improve the oversight of CBE participation in public-private development construction projects. One key recommendation that the Auditor provided to DSLBD was to develop and implement a standard operating procedure to track the status of every public-private development construction project.

"Developing a standard operating procedure will improve communication between DSLBD, ODCA and the developers and decrease the risk of developers failing to report and not achieve expenditure goals," said Yolanda Branche, District of Columbia Auditor.

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