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CAPITAL REGION WATER OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON MINORITY / WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PLAN

Two Public Hearings Will Be Held; Thirty-Day Public Comment Period Ends June 16th

HARRISBURG (May 17, 2016) – Capital Region Water announces a thirty-day public comment period on a Minority / Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Plan to ensure that minority and women business enterprises have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in construction contracts.

This draft plan requires minimum participation levels for M/WBE on all construction projects that exceed the bidding threshold established for municipal authorities in Pennsylvania (\$19,400 in 2016). Under the plan, a minimum participation level for M/WBE will be established by Capital Region Water based on market availability on a project-by-project basis with separate participation levels for Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise categories. The minimum participation level will be a percentage of the total contract amount.

“As the steward of our community’s water system, Capital Region Water administers millions of dollars in construction projects,” said Board Chairman Marc Kurowski. “We’re considering this plan to help create a level playing field on which minority and women owned business enterprises can compete fairly for our contracts.”

Capital Region Water is accepting public comments on the draft M/WBE Plan between May 17th and June 16th in an effort to strengthen the plan. Capital Region Water’s Board of Directors will take public comments into account before it votes on the plan at their June 22nd meeting. Public comments are accepted in person, by mail, by email, and online.

The public is encouraged to review the entire plan but commenters are specifically requested to also comment whether or not the M/WBE Plan should apply only to construction contracts that exceed the bidding threshold established for municipal authorities in Pennsylvania.

Two public meetings will be held with each including a brief presentation and time for comments and questions. Light refreshments will be provided. All relevant documents and an opportunity to provide comments are available at capitalregionwater.com/mwbe. Comments can also be mailed directly to Capital Region Water at 212 Locust Street, Suite 500, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Public Hearings:

When: Wednesday, May 25th
6:00-7:00PM
Where: CRW Board Meeting
212 Locust Street, First Floor

When: Thursday, June 2nd
6:00PM – 7:00PM
Where: Mt. Pleasant Commerce &
Resource Center / PNC Bank
1301 Derry Street, Second Floor

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