

Metro Exceeds Minority And Women Contracting And Affirmative Action Goals

The Metropolitan Service District has exceeded both its affirmative action goals for hiring women and minorities and contracting goals for minority and disadvantaged businesses in fiscal year 1987-88.

Rena Cusma, Metro executive officer, reported that the regional government had minority representation on its staff of 9.2 percent, exceeding its goal of 6.3 percent. Additionally, the goal of 56.9 percent women representation was met.

Metro's goals for disadvantaged contracting were also met during the fiscal year. Metro had established a goal of 6.25 percent disadvantaged business participation and achieved a rate of 8.59 percent participation. The value of the contracts awarded to disadvantaged businesses was \$1,367,926. Metro did fall short of its women contracting goal of 3.44 percent, reaching a level of 2.51 percent.

The report does not reflect the recent awarding of the \$46 million

Oregon Convention Center general contract, which also met Metro's disadvantaged and women-owned business participation goals.

"Metro has had some real success in both affirmative action and disadvantaged and women-owned business participation," said Cusma. "I'm particularly pleased that we have been able to reach our goals of minority participation on the Oregon Convention Center," she said.

Cusma also noted that Metro would be working harder to bring up participation of women-owned businesses in procurement, personal services and labor and materials.

Metro's goals for affirmative action and disadvantaged and women business contracting are established annually based on an analysis of the labor market and state-certified disadvantaged and women contractors.

Poll Shows Dr. Fulani And African-American Voters May "Dump The Duke"



Dr. Lenora Fulani

New results of a national poll of Black voters indicate that independent Presidential candidate Dr. Lenora Fulani may indeed "cost the Democrats the White House" in November. Dr. Fulani, the first woman and the first African-American ever to be on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, is urging Black voters and the other disenfranchised communities of the Rainbow to "Dump the Duke!"

Of 3,329 Black registered voters in New York City, 3% said they would vote for George Bush in November, 30% plan to pull the lever for Michael Dukakis, and 43% are supporting Dr. Fulani. Nearly 900 Black registered voters were polled in Philadelphia. Only 1% said they will vote for the Vice President. Support for Mr. Dukakis was running at 30% again, while 44% are going with the African-American independent. In Chicago, where 2,232 Black registered voters have so far been polled, Mr. Bush came in at 2%. Mr. Dukakis was down to 27%, and Dr. Fulani led with 32%. The remaining voters questioned said they were "undecided."

"It is Fulani's independent run that raises the stakes in the 1988 race for President," commentator Tony Brown wrote in his syndicated column last week. "The general media has ignored her, but when the electoral votes are counted and the Black vote analyzed, you may find that her independent run picked the winner and the loser."

Notes Dr. Jessie Fields, the Chicago-based national co-chair of Lesbians and Gays for Fulani, "The dissatisfaction of the Black community with the Democrats has clearly not faded since the party leadership's openly dismissive treatment of Reverend Jesse Jackson at the Atlanta convention." Despite the fact that most Black elected officials are telling their constituents that it is in their interests to go with the party again this year, "significant numbers appear not to be listening," said the African-American physician. "And while there is talk of a 'no-show' boycott on Election Day, and a low-key effort by the handful of Black Republicans to sell George Bush to Black voters, the figures from this study show that the Black community is moving — and in significant numbers — in the direction of Dr. Fulani."

Nero & Associates, Inc. Job Corps Screening And Placement Agency

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Let me share with you the endorsement of Gladys McCoy, Multnomah County Chair:

"The Job Corps has long been an excellent resource in our community and across the nation. I urge people to make the best use of the Job Corps and its many programs."

Disadvantaged youth are hedged in by their limiting surroundings. They are unable to see past the drug pusher on the corner or the chain that binds them to the welfare system. Poverty breeds poverty, that is, until concerned citizens step in to give guidance and assistance.

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Entrance into Job Corps begins with a visit to a screening office. The screening office continually searches for youth and establishes linkages with resource agencies in the youth's community. We invite you as individuals, community groups and agencies to establish linkages with your local Job Corps Screening Office and extend a helping hand to youth in need.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE (Makes 2 pounds)

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2/3 cup undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 1-2/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups (4 ounces) miniature marshmallows
- 1-1/2 cups (9 ounces) peanut butter chips
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup (6 ounces) chocolate chips

In medium saucepan, combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar, and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Bring to full boil. Cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, peanut butter chips, and vanilla. Stir vigorously for 1 minute, until marshmallows melt and blend. Pour into buttered 8-inch square pan. Cool. Melt chocolate chips; spread on fudge. Chill before serving.

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