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FCC MANAGING DIRECTOR PROMULGATES POLICY IN SUPPORT OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Washington, DC -- In response to Executive Order 13157, *Increasing Opportunities for Women-Owned Small Businesses*, the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission today promulgated the following policy:

It is the policy of the Federal Communications Commission to identify and vigorously promote contracting opportunities for women-owned small businesses (WOSB) at the Commission; and to support the development within the Commission of strategies aimed at achieving a five-percent goal of Commission procurement for women-owned small businesses.

To implement this policy, the Office of Managing Director is designating a WOSB advocate in its procurement division; developing a formal process for identifying and involving women-owned small businesses in contract solicitations; tracking the level of success in reaching the five-percent goal; and encouraging contract and procurement personnel to obtain further training in the steps required for outreach to women-owned small businesses.

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