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## **NTTA ACHIEVES MOST SIGNIFICANT DIVERSITY SPEND IN AUTHORITY HISTORY**

**PLANO, Texas – April 5, 2012** – The North Texas Tollway Authority announced the Authority achieved its highest level of spending with Disadvantaged Minority and Women Business Enterprises (D/M/WBEs) in 2011. This marks the third consecutive year of dynamic growth following the NTTA's elevation of Business Diversity to a stand-alone department.

D/M/WBE spending from 2010 to 2011 alone represents 19 percent growth. There was an increase in diversity spending in three of the four procurement categories; one remained stable.

"The NTTA continues to increase efforts to reach out to all qualified candidates to ensure maximum opportunities when it comes to doing business with the NTTA," said NTTA Chairman Kenneth Barr.

Total diversity spending for 2011 is nearly 21 percent of the total agency spend, the most significant participation in NTTA history. D/M/WBE participation increased from \$86.7 million in 2010 to \$102.6 million in 2011. The NTTA continues to show steady growth from 2008 in the number of D/M/WBEs moving into a prime contractor roles.

Steve Mason is president of Mas-Tek, a D/M/WBE company that recently earned a prime contract on the NTTA's Chisholm Trail Parkway project. "The NTTA encouraged Mas-Tek to meet for a debriefing following past unsuccessful Request For Proposals. That really helped us to develop our first successful RFP last year and reflected capabilities of our company," Mason said.

BDD 2012 goals include increasing the number of D/M/WBEs serving as prime contractors and expanding capacity-building efforts and initiatives by increasing training and development opportunities.

The latest figures are in line with the Independent Financial and Performance review of the NTTA conducted in 2011 that found: "The NTTA and its Business Diversity Department have made significant improvements in recent years at increasing minority involvement."

For more information about business diversity opportunities at the NTTA, visit [Working with Us](#)

### **About the NTTA**

The North Texas Tollway Authority, a political subdivision of the state of Texas, is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the north Texas region. The [nine member board](#) is comprised of Chairman Kenneth Barr; Vice Chairman Bill Moore; and Directors, David Denison, William D. Elliott, Matrice Ellis-Kirk, Michael Nowels, George "Tex" Quesada, Victor Vandergriff and Jane Willard.

The NTTA serves Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties and is responsible for the NTTA System, consisting of the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison

Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge and the Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA is also responsible for the NTTA's Special Projects System, which consists of the President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension and the Chisholm Trail Parkway. The NTTA is able to raise capital for construction projects through the issuance of turnpike revenue bonds. NTTA toll projects are not a part of the state highway system and receive no direct tax funding. Tolls are collected to repay debt and to operate and maintain the roadways.

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