



NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY

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## **Minority Participation Growing in NTTA Contracting Opportunities**

**Plano, TX** – Minority participation in contracting opportunities with the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) is growing – reaching its highest participation levels to date – according to a report presented to the NTTA Board of Directors this week by the NTTA Business Diversity Department.

Participation has grown from 13.45 percent in 2005 to 18.35 percent in 2008. Of that, 13.9 percent was awarded to second tier, or the sub-contractor category, in 2008.

Business Diversity Department Director Anthony Coleman attributes the increase to expanded outreach efforts and partnerships between the Authority and industry and advocacy groups in North Texas.

“We strive for meaningful minority participation in all NTTA projects and procurements,” said Coleman. “Enhancing our relationship with the minority, women, small and disadvantaged business contracting community enables us to maintain transparency and strategically educate vendors about project expectations and opportunities.”

In May, the NTTA Board of Directors approved the formation of the NTTA Business Diversity Advisory Council to advise the Business Diversity Department in its efforts to encourage minority vendor participation. In addition to providing ongoing advisory support, the Council will assist with outreach activities, serve as a primary resource in identifying specific industry groups to target procurements, and help identify barriers experienced in contracting by minority, women, small and disadvantaged business enterprises. It is scheduled to be formed in July.

For more information about NTTA contracting opportunities, [www.ntta.org/WorkingWithUs/](http://www.ntta.org/WorkingWithUs/).

### ***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 governing board is comprised of Chairman Paul N. Wageman; Vice Chairman Victor Vandergriff; and Directors Kenneth Barr, Gary Base, Bob Day, David Denison, Michael Nowels, Bob Shepard and Alan E. Sims.

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 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.

Visit the NTTA Web site at [www.ntta.org](http://www.ntta.org) or call 214-461-2000 for additional information about the NTTA. For customer service, please call 972-818-NTTA (6882).

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