

Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

RE: Proposed amendment to AB 361

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We believe that the bill as written is well intended and will have the effect of increasing disadvantaged person owned contractor participation on small public works projects. It is important to us as an organization that opportunities are created for existing companies who want to expand their businesses as well as individuals who are interested in establishing a business in the construction industry.

In the interest of creating business opportunities for disadvantaged individuals, we are offering the following amendment to AB 361.

Insert a provision that identifies businesses that are to receive the preference as ***“Business that meets the definition of a Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in the Construction Industry as defined by the United States Small Business Administration.”***

The use of the definition from the U.S. SBA is being proposed only because it is a nationally recognized standard. The Nevada Department of Transportation has adopted standards that may be more appropriate for the purposes of this proposed amendment.