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**WEST CORRIDOR PROJECT FORMS TRUCKING CONSORTIUM TO  
MAXIMIZE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION  
THROUGHOUT CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIGHT RAIL LINE**

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Denver Transit Construction Group, the contractor building the West Corridor Light Rail line, has assembled a trucking consortium comprised of 100% local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms. The consortium will afford local companies the opportunity to participate on the largest infrastructure project currently being built in the Denver metro area. Qualified DBE trucking companies are put into a random selection process through which each is given equal opportunity to haul for the transit project. Through this process, small companies with one truck have the same opportunity as companies with multiple trucks. Currently 26 local DBE companies are enrolled in the program and enrollment increases weekly. Streamlined processes make this a unique opportunity for small businesses to be a part of construction and to increase their capacity for future projects. Denver Transit Construction Group has an 18% goal for DBE participation during construction of the West Corridor light rail line. The 18% preconstruction phase goal was exceeded by 7%.

The 12.1 mile West Corridor light rail project is the first of the FasTracks corridors to start construction. The West Corridor line will operate between Denver Union Station in downtown Denver and the Jefferson County Government Center in Golden; serving Denver, Lakewood, the Denver Federal Center, Golden and Jefferson County. The corridor is scheduled to open to the public in 2013.

FasTracks is RTD's voter-approved 12-year program to expand rail and bus service throughout the RTD service area. FasTracks will build 122 miles of rail transit, including six new commuter rail and light rail lines and extensions of three existing lines; build 18 miles of bus rapid transit service; add 21,000 new parking spaces; redevelop Denver Union Station; and redirect bus service to better connect the eight-county District.