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Dear Prospective Bidders:

This project contains a **DBE goal of 14%**. A major objective of DelDOT's DBE Program is to increase participation of certified DBE firms on federally-assisted projects and construction. To that end we will be participating in the scheduled Pre-Bid Meeting being held for **Project T200751201, Northeast Corridor Improvements, Yard to Ragan**. All bidders will be expected to certify at the time of bid that they will meet or exceed the established DBE goal or submit documentation of *good faith efforts* undertaken to meet the established DBE goal. To assist prospective bidders to fulfill this expectation, we will provide an opportunity for DBE firms certified with DelDOT to meet with and provide information regarding their businesses and services offered to prospective bidders as part of the Pre-Bid Meeting.

The DBE firms invited to participate in this Pre-Bid Meeting have been screened and identified as offering services relevant to **Project T200751201**. This endeavor is part of a pilot initiative intended to create opportunities and generate positive and fruitful networking and business interactions between prime contractors and DBE firms.

DelDOT is committed to improving the level of participation by DBE firms on federally-assisted projects while maintaining the integrity of the DBE Program. We hope that by making prospective bidders aware of the availability of ready, willing and able DBE firms the efforts undertaken to engage certified DBE firms to meet established DBE goals will be less burdensome. Should you have any questions regarding OJT requirements, please feel free to contact me at 302-760-2555 or Travis Crawford at 302-760-2032. We look forward to working with you on this upcoming project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla E. Elliott".

Carla E. Elliott  
Civil Rights Administrator

CEE

