

# Inter Agency Agreement – FAA and WSDOT Statewide Aviation Disparity Study

Analyzing disparity across the Port

# 2018 Disparity Study Efforts

- The Port will be mounting three different disparity study efforts in 2018.
- Disparity studies determine whether a government entity, either in the past or currently, has been fair in the solicitation and award of contracts to minority, and women-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprises (MWDBEs).
- These studies, depending on findings, allow us to conduct race-conscious contracting practices and set minority and woman-owned business utilization goals.

# Statewide Disparity Study

- Requesting authorization to execute an interlocal agreement with the Washington Department of Transportation to complete a statewide disparity study on FAA funded projects.
- This effort covers FAA funded projects at 64 Washington state airports. The roughly \$2 million grant requires matching funds which, based on an activity (enplaned passengers) formula; the Port's portion is just under \$90,000.
  - An Inter-Agency Agreement (IAA) has been crafted to facilitate the agreements between WSDOT and all the participating airports within the State of Washington.
- This aviation only study keeps the Port in compliance with FAA rules and regulations (CFR 49 Part 26) for race conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program efforts.

# FAA/WSDOT Study Supports Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program

- The timing of the FAA/WSDOT joint Disparity Study coincides with the need to refresh the Port's 2014 study.
- This aviation study keeps the Port in compliance with FAA rules and regulations (CFR 49 Part 26) for race conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program efforts.
- The statewide airport study is anticipated to begin in 2018 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.
  - The study's evaluation period for federally funded construction and construction-related contracts is from 2012-2016.

Refreshes Earlier Port Disparity Study

# Additional Disparity Studies = Broader Evaluation

- To further understand Port-wide disparity, staff has also negotiated a separate contract Collette Holt and Associates (the WSDOT contractor), to evaluate the Port's non-federally funded projects for construction and consulting services awarded at \$200,000 and above.
  - The period of performance to be evaluated in these studies is 2012-2016.
- A separate disparity study for ACDBE is planned as well. This effort will start in Q2 2018.