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FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY CONTRACTS TO MINORITY FIRMS SET ALL-TIME RECORD, SECRETARY DOLE ANNOUNCES

Minority-owned businesses were awarded nearly \$720 million in federally funded highway contracts during Fiscal Year 1983, Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole announced today. "This record level of awards represents a 209 percent increase in minority contracts during the three years of the Reagan Administration, and underscores the President's commitment to ensure that small, disadvantaged businesses are afforded the opportunity to compete for highway construction contracts and related services."

Dole noted that many contracts awarded in 1983 contain provisions for additional subcontracts for minorities to be awarded in future years. The actual minority contracts awarded in 1983, coupled with future subcontract commitments, bring the total dollar volume of minority contract opportunities to nearly \$800 million. This represents 9.83 percent of the nearly \$8 billion in total highway contracts let during the year, exceeding a nationally established goal of 8.84 percent by nearly a full percentage point.

Dole also pointed out that 1983 is the third year in a row that the Reagan Administration has achieved record levels of minority contract awards in the highway program. Minority awards totaled \$415 million in Fiscal Year 1982 and \$355 million in Fiscal Year 1981. The previous high achieved in the last Administration was \$233 million in Fiscal Year 1980.

Dole noted that most states posted enormous gains in the dollar amounts of minority contracts awarded in 1983. Many states doubled, tripled and quadrupled minority contract awards during the year, Dole explained.

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Dole added that the overwhelming increase in minority contract opportunities in FY 1983 was in keeping with a congressional mandate, contained in the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (STAA) and signed into law by the President just a year ago, to expand minority contractor participation in highway building programs to 10 percent wherever possible. The STAA also provided a significant increase in federal funding available to the states for highway construction and rehabilitation.

The STAA was signed into law on January 6, 1983, with only nine months remaining in the Fiscal Year. The 10 percent nationwide goal therefore was adjusted to a weighted average of 8.84 percent, the Secretary explained.

"I am proud of the accomplishments of the states in exceeding the 1983 goals," Dole said. She added, "We have every expectation of improving on these accomplishments in Fiscal Year 1984."

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STATE-BY-STATE COMPARISON OF DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MINORITY-OWNED) CONTRACT AWARDS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 1982-1983 (FEDERAL AND STATE MATCHING FUNDS)

State Name	FY 1982 DBE Contract Awards (Federal/State Matching Funds)	FY 1983 Actual Prime DBE Contract Awards (Federal/State Matching Funds)	Percentage of Increase/Decrease
Alabama	\$1,468,594	\$9,967,644	578.7%
Alaska	9,386,166	7,219,212	- 23.1
Arizona	5,532,269	11,551,599	108.8
Arkansas	3,493,962	9,155,170	162.0
California	47,504,023	54,667,276	15.1
Colorado	8,700,897	21,157,252	143.2
Connecticut	2,030,858	3,366,264	65.8
Delaware	2,146,073	2,832,036	32.0
Dist. of Col.	9,838,520	13,804,783	40.3
Florida	12,054,633	15,948,262	32.3
Georgia	11,201,611	8,730,166	- 22.0
Hawaii	12,198,699	14,672,555	20.3
Idaho	1,563,988	3,944,629	152.2
Illinois	9,204,868	29,088,368	216.0
Indiana	2,929,242	10,608,590	262.0
Iowa	1,846,697	10,626,079	475.4
Kansas	2,114,729	9,434,435	346.1
Kentucky	3,635,845	16,334,694	349.0
Louisiana	6,794,803	11,454,433	68.6
Maine	755,473	1,173,066	55.3
Maryland	31,739,183	30,504,055	- 3.9
Massachusetts	4,161,094	8,178,798	96.5
Michigan	11,261,980	25,938,594	130.3
Minnesota	9,835,810	7,022,741	- 28.6
Mississippi	2,496,573	5,924,070	137.0
Missouri	2,168,429	13,430,388	519.3
Montana	1,199,567	6,936,047	478.2
Nebraska	1,458,861	4,876,841	234.3
Nevada	7,699,524	17,502,849	127.3
New Hampshire	858,113	1,367,226	59.3
New Jersey	3,413,096	6,822,253	99.9
New Mexico	6,154,374	8,022,607	30.3
New York	37,988,346	65,146,163	71.5
North Carolina	3,895,800	10,642,303	173.0
North Dakota	851,843	2,233,841	162.2
Ohio	33,036,326	48,361,129	46.4
Oklahoma	7,049,565	8,294,806	17.6
Oregon	6,999,251	22,041,016	214.9
Pennsylvania	10,333,319	8,502,527	- 17.7
Rhode Island	2,406,154	3,539,227	47.1
South Carolina	2,183,451	6,175,645	182.5
South Dakota	85,950	6,108,385	7006.0
Tennessee	2,796,635	20,258,296	624.0
Texas	5,087,929	26,752,546	425.8
Utah	1,934,711	6,835,834	253.3
Vermont	2,160,619	3,456,996	60.0
Virginia	6,747,535	5,644,673	- 16.3
Washington	19,981,402	18,859,421	- 5.6
West Virginia	3,316,261	19,790,692	500.0
Wisconsin	2,341,567	6,679,331	185.2
Wyoming	285,334	4,110,205	1340.0
Puerto Rico	29,212,559	24,044,580	- 17.7
TOTALS:	\$415,543,120	\$719,740,598	73.0%

State Name	FY 1983	FY 1983 DBE	Actual DBE Prime Contract
	Target Goals (Percentage)	Achievements (Percentage)	Awards; Plus Future Subcontract Commitments in Contracts Let in FY 1983
Alabama	7.7%	11.4%	\$17,638,509
Alaska	9.0	24.1	7,219,212
Arizona	9.3	13.0	14,066,202
Arkansas	8.0	9.0	8,355,200
California	13.0	13.1	54,863,763
Colorado	10.0	14.2	17,519,591
Connecticut	8.8	9.9	18,211,411
Delaware	8.3	6.3	2,186,376
Dist. of Col.	25.0	61.7	15,182,389
Florida	8.3	5.9	15,836,054
Georgia	8.1	8.6	29,249,571
Hawaii	17.0	23.7	14,650,519
Idaho	8.4	6.4	3,539,012
Illinois	8.3	6.1	27,793,065
Indiana	8.0	8.8	17,041,804
Iowa	7.8	4.4	8,700,415
Kansas	8.3	8.8	8,787,295
Kentucky	8.0	9.4	19,060,926
Louisiana	8.4	8.3	19,252,428
Maine	3.0	3.4	917,877
Maryland	10.0	13.0	29,116,432
Massachusetts	8.1	11.3	7,560,288
Michigan	8.8	11.6	25,281,614
Minnesota	8.0	3.9	5,859,518
Mississippi	8.1	10.6	12,320,383
Missouri	7.9	8.9	18,810,889
Montana	5.2	7.7	8,238,885
Nebraska	7.9	6.7	6,682,482
Nevada	9.0	67.9	17,487,933
New Hampshire	3.0	3.7	1,129,085
New Jersey	8.3	9.0	13,547,287
New Mexico	9.0	9.2	10,800,232
New York	9.5	12.9	49,043,420
North Carolina	8.4	6.4	7,174,161
North Dakota	7.7	2.8	2,131,252
Ohio	8.8	15.2	36,850,142
Oklahoma	8.5	11.3	11,991,269
Oregon	8.8	13.2	18,002,712
Pennsylvania	8.3	8.4	29,895,710
Rhode Island	8.5	9.2	2,736,758
South Carolina	8.0	8.2	8,979,437
South Dakota	7.6	8.2	4,693,067
Tennessee	8.1	8.8	19,827,723
Texas	7.9	7.9	41,248,609
Utah	8.0	8.8	9,685,540
Vermont	7.8	8.5	2,705,368
Virginia	8.3	7.2	17,190,659
Washington	10.0	12.1	18,626,386
West Virginia	8.0	8.1	16,160,935
Wisconsin	8.0	5.5	7,800,000
Wyoming	7.6	4.6	3,140,466
Puerto Rico	98.9	100.0	15,017,731
TOTALS:	8.84%	9.83%	\$799,807,992