2 3 19A NCAC 02D .1108 **GOALS** 4 (a) The Department shall perform an analysis to determine the availability of ready, willing and able Disadvantaged 5 Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, and Women Business Enterprise firms relative to all businesses 6 ready, willing and able to participate in Department projects. Goals for disadvantaged business enterprises, minority 7 business enterprises, and women business enterprises Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business 8 Enterprise, and Women Business Enterprise firms shall be established in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 23 and 26 49 9 CFR 26- and G.S. 136-28.4(b1). The goal or goals shall be prescribed in the project proposal as a percent of the bidder's 10 construction bid price. 11 (b) The Contractor shall exercise all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that eligible firms participate in at least 12 the percentage of the contract as required by the project proposal. 13 14 Authority G.S. 136-28.4; 143B-348; History Note: Eff. April 30, 1997; 15 16 Amended Eff. February 1, 2008. 17 18

19A NCAC 02D .1108 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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