

Testimony of

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Expenditure Goals

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee on Business, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, I am Kathy Patterson, District of Columbia Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee to discuss ODCA's Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Enterprise (SBE) utilization requirements.

In FY 2015, ODCA's expendable budget was \$44,743 dollars, resulting in an SBE expenditure goal of \$22,371 dollars or 50 percent of our expendable budget. I am pleased to announce that we exceeded our goal, spending \$58,661 with District-based SBEs. Using DSLBD's CBE Business Online system, ODCA will continue to give preference and priority to recruit approved SBE and CBE vendors that can provide goods and services to ODCA.

Our FY 2016 goal is \$59,295. Through the first quarter of FY 2016 we have expended \$6,247. We anticipate no issues in meeting our FY 2016 goal.

Within the next week, we will issue a report detailing the CBE expenditures of all District agencies for the first quarter of FY 2016. Also, we are currently working on the annual report for FY 2015. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was issued by the Chief Financial Officer on January 27, 2016. Agencies are given 30 days subsequent to the CAFR's release to submit their final CBE expenditures for the fiscal year. We are now in the process of compiling the year-end expenditure data and expect to issue the annual report at the end of this month. As required by D.C. Code, this report will include analysis of whether the planned activities of the agency for FY 2016 are likely to enable agencies to achieve their SBE expenditure goals. It will also include recommendations on activities agencies should engage in to meet or exceed goals.

This concludes my prepared testimony, Mr. Chairman, and I would be happy to respond to any questions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to appear here today.