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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Wednesday, February 2, 2011

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator LeAnna M. Washington 

SUBJECT: **COSPONSORSHIP REQUEST
MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

I will be introducing a comprehensive package of legislation designed to amend the procurement code. I invite you to join me as a co-sponsor of for proposed pieces of legislation.

I will be reintroducing **SB 1210** of the 2009-2010 legislative session. This legislation would amend title 62 (Procurement Code) changing the definition of a small business by increasing the permitted employee limit from 100 to 250 and adding a grow revenue limit of up to \$45 million. As an oversight measure, the Department of General Services will have the authority to review employee limit and gross income threshold.

Secondly, I will be reintroducing **SB 1213** of the 2009-2010 legislative session. This legislation will add reciprocity of certification section to the procurement code. The primary purpose of this legislation is to create greater uniformity and consistency in the Commonwealth certification process. Under this legislation any city, county or municipal government, school district, governmental, or public entity including colleges and universities receiving Commonwealth funds of any amount would be required to implement a minority-owned, women-owned, disadvantaged-owned, business enterprise diversity program that is subject to review by the Department of General Services.

Thirdly, I will be reintroducing **SB 1214** of the 2009-2010 legislative session. This bill will establish a Small Business Reserve in the Procurement Code. This reserve would increase economic opportunities for small businesses and affording small businesses, including disadvantaged businesses, the opportunity to bid on state government contracts without competing with larger businesses.