

Statement for the US Department of Transportation

Inspired Thinking... Intelligent Solutions

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

President Biden has made it very clear: The American Rescue Plan is delivering direct relief to the American people and rescuing the American economy. The plan includes funding to assist all Americans by Building Back Better; Building Back Better a country that levels the playing field for all people, particularly small businesses and minority-owned companies.

In an effort to support the Biden/Harris Administration agenda, The Coleman Group, a woman-owned, minority-owned, small business with over 30 years of experience dedicated to delivering innovative solutions to clients, is ready and prepared to help this Administration meet its goal.

We provide management consulting services and information technology solutions to Federal Government agencies and the private sector.

Put us to work and allow us to help solve this country's challenges, with solutions that are tailored to the specific needs of the American people. We are ready, willing, and able to build this country – Build Back Better!






U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

The Coleman Group is prepared to help the USDOT meet the agency's initiatives of:

- Creating investments that are designed to advance racial equity by providing better jobs and better transportation options to underserved communities.
- Mitigating socio-economic disparities.
- Redressing historic inequities and building the future of transportation infrastructure.

The proposed historic funding for infrastructure makes it imperative that these dollars are equitably distributed to small businesses and that the infrastructure improvements made advance racial equity. The Coleman Group leverages a team of professionals with a proven track record of creating procurement programs that factored in the above initiatives with a national importance.

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Minority-Owned Small Business;
GSA MAS Schedule; SeaPort NxG;
Oasis; Oasis SB

PAST EXPERIENCE

- 20 years in **advocacy** and **strategy** on the national stage in both the public and private sector
- Advisor to two **US Presidents**, **Senior Members of Congress**, and **CEOs of Fortune 500** and 100 companies
- **White House Appointee**, Senior Executive Service Member (SES), and Government Official
- Successfully created and implemented national programs, through engagement and policy, in excess of **\$100 million**
- **Chair of the USDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Task Force** from 2009 through 2016
- Oversaw the rollout of four new programs to **support small business owners** with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act dollars.
- Led efforts that resulted in the **highest procurement rating** in the federal government from 2010 – 2016 (graded by the Small Business Administration for hitting procurement goals). Exceeded small business goals on USDOT's \$2 billion in direct procurement opportunities and \$80 billion in indirect contract opportunities with DOT and transportation-related projects.
- Developed a surety **Bonding Education Program** in partnership with the Surety and Fidelity Association of America in 2010 and achieved over \$650 million in surety bonding capacity for small businesses through 2016.
- As part of President Obama's Build America Transportation Investment Center launched in 2014, we **led Small Business Forums across the country** focused on small business participation and underserved community participation on Public-Private Partnership for investments in critical infrastructure. This required coordination across multiple agencies and high-level partnerships in the public and private sector.
- Hosted over 300 **Small Business Day events over six years at the USDOT and across the country**, with live attendance ranging up to 400 participants focused on economic and small business development.