### Proposed Metropolitan Council FTA and EPA DBE Goals 2024-2026

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#### Overview

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- Results for FTA
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#### US DOT, FTA Guidance on DBE Goal Setting

- Define Geographic Market Area
- Forecast Future Expenditures by NAICs Codes
- Compute Base Goal Availability Rates
- Adjustment to Base Goal
- Estimation of Race Neutral vs Race Conscious Goals

# The Proposed DBE Goal for FTA Contracts: 13.4%

#### **The Bottom Line**

## The Base Goal = Weighted Average of Availability Rate Using Five Legally and Economically Valid Methods

#### TABLE 5 FTA WEIGHTED AVAILABILITY RATES BY METHOD

Method	Orginal NAICS 485113 Code	Proxy for NAICS Code 485113 <sup>b</sup>	National Estimate for NAICS Code 485113	Weighted Base Goal
Bidders List Method	8.0%	8.0%	13.5%	
Vendors List Method	6.0%	6.0%	11.5%	
ABS List Method	15.2%	15.2%	15.2%	
DBE List Method	3.8%	15.1%	9.3%	
D&B List Method	6.8%	3.2%	7.4%	9.6%
Weighted Average	8.0%	9.5%	11.4%	

#### **Discrimination Analysis for Adjustment (FTA)**

Method	Model	Mean Difference in Log Contract Amount by DBE Status (A)	Explained Gap (B)	Unexplained Gap (C)	Unexplained Portion (= C/A)	Notes
	1	0.6112	0.3328	0.2784	45.5%	Oaxaca Decomposition. FTA-funded only, D&B variables included, small contracts (<\$10K) excluded
Residual Difference	2	0.5569	0.2482	0.3086	55.4%	Oaxaca Decomposition, Overall, D&B variables included, small contracts (<\$10K) excluded
by DBE status	3	_	-	-	27.8%	Gelbach Decomposition. FTA-funded only, D&B variables included, small contracts (<\$10K) excluded
	4	-	-	-	30.9%	Gelbach Decomposition. Overall, D&B variables included, small contracts (<\$10K) excluded
Average					39.9%	

<sup>(</sup>A) = mean of predicted value of ln(contract amount of non-DBE) - mean of predicted value of ln(contract amount of DBE)

**Table 1.** Proposed Metropolitan Council FTA DBE Goals FY 2024–2026

Base Goal	9.6%
Adjustment to Base Goal	39.9%
Adjusted Goal	13.4%
Race-Neutral Portion	18.2%
Race-Neutral Goal	2.4%
Race-Conscious Portion	81.8%
Race-Conscious Goal	11.0%

# Proposed DBE Goal for EPA Contracts: 11.9%

#### **Table 1.** Proposed Metropolitan Council EPA DBE Goals FY 2024–2026

Туре	3 Availability Methods <sup>a</sup>
Base Goal	9.9% <sup>b</sup>
Discrimination Gap for Adjustment	19.9%
Adjusted Goal	11.9%
Race-Neutral (RN) Goal	6.5%
Race-Conscious (RC) Goal	5.4%

DBE Goals using the DBI	E/CBP - Medi	an Adjustment	Method -Seven	County GMA	
	FTA		EPA		
Base Availability Rate using the DBE method (7 metro counties only)	4.5	58%	13.92%		
DBE Utilization Rates					
Year	Based on 6 years of Awards"	Based on 3 years of Awards**	Based on 6 years of Awards*	Based on 3years of Payments**	
2017	13.40%		11.10%		
2018	13.00%		8.10%		
2019	16.30%		9.60%		
2020	13.01%	13.00%	6.20%	29.28%	
2021	14.02%	14.02%	16.00%	10.58%	
2022	18.22%	18.22%	11.10%	16.70%	
Median for adjustment	13.71%	14.02%	10.35%	16.70%	
Adjusted Goal	9.14%	9.30%	12.14%	15.31%	
Notes: *Contract Award Files;  **MetroCouncil Records					



### **Questions and Comments?**

# Thank You!! myers006@umn.edu

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