



**Information Item:**  
**Federal Fiscal Year 2024 EPA Report  
Summary for Environmental Services**



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# DBE Utilization on ES Projects



## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - Federal Funds

- Construction, Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Professional Technical Contracts
- Annual goal set every three years (2024 – 2026 =11.9%)
  - Previous three-year goal was 11%
- Project specific goals assigned by Small Business Unit staff
- Report utilization to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (via Public Facilities Authority (PFA)) annually in October

# FFY 2024 DBE Utilization

- The Council achieved **12.17%** utilization this reporting period on ES projects.
  - **3.05% Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)**
  - **9.12% Women Business Enterprise (WBE)**
  
- Total Disbursement: \$4,074,506 / \$33,493,822=**12.17%**

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WBE	\$1,652,672.60	\$656,603.14,	\$743,976.51	\$3,053,252.25	9.12%

# DBE Payments Breakdown

	Women	Minority	Total Dollars	# Women firms	# Minority Firms	Total # of Sub-Contracts	% of DBE Total
<b>Black</b>	\$582.12	\$0.00	\$582.12	1	0	3	0.00
<b>Hispanic</b>	\$60,768.02	\$441,033.75	\$501,801.77	3	6	27	12.32
<b>Native American</b>	\$0.00	\$186,556.60	\$186,556.60	0	3	7	4.58
<b>Asian-Pacific</b>	\$265,546.64	\$54,270.20	\$319,816.84	2	1	9	7.85
<b>Subcontinental Asian</b>	\$0.00	\$12,496.42	\$12,496.42	0	2	4	0.31
<b>Caucasian</b>	\$3,053,252.25		\$3,053,252.25	28		77	74.94
<b>Total</b>	\$3,380,149.03	\$694,356.37	\$4,074,506	33	12	127	100%

# Historical Data

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## 2023 Utilization

Total Disbursement: \$4,635,072.38 / \$49,194,650.00=9.42%

	Construction	Supplies	Services	Total	Utilization
MBE	\$1,483,696.40	\$168,464.15	\$329,291.19	\$1,981,455.74	4.03%
WBE	\$1,874,603.84	\$161,532.46	\$617,480.34	\$2,653,616.64	5.39%

# Historical Data Continued

## 2022 Utilization

Total Disbursement: \$7,036,711.35 / \$42,122,426.36=**16.70%**

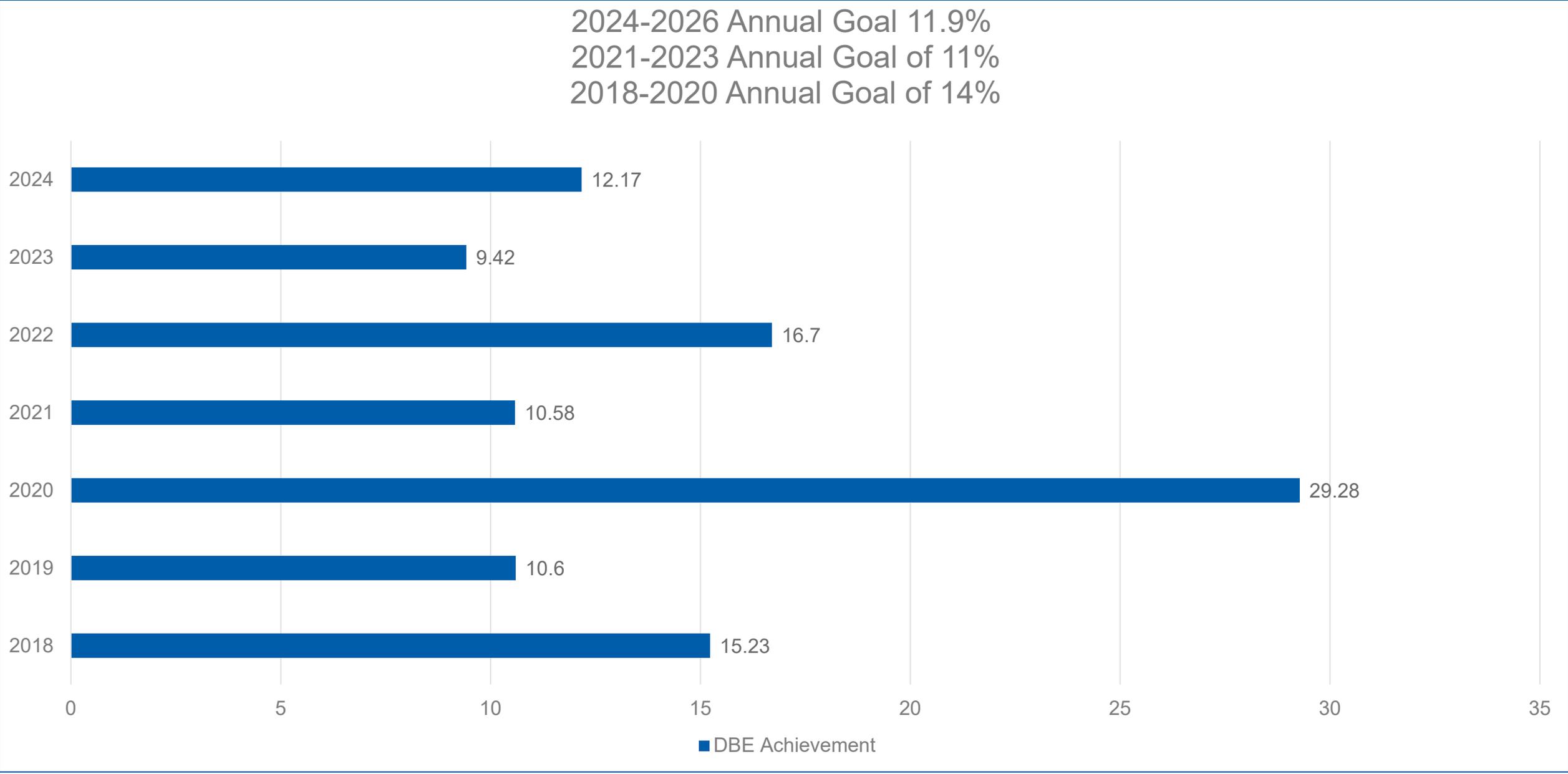
	Construction	Supplies	Services	Total	Utilization
MBE	\$1,811,086.55	\$218,001.50	\$574,442.52	\$2,603,530.57	6.18%
WBE	\$2,305,984.17	\$1,203,384.37	\$923,812.24	\$4,433,180.78	10.52%

## 2021 Utilization

Total Disbursement: \$5,970,352.16 / \$56,424,858.01=**10.58%**

	Construction	Supplies	Services	Total	Utilization
MBE	\$828,012.66	\$529,499.49	\$585,345.02	\$1,942,857.17	3.44%
WBE	\$2,303,510.10	\$726,770.08	\$997,214.81	\$4,027,494.99	7.14%

# DBE Achievement-Yearly Comparison



# Highlights from 2024 Report

## Subcontracting Experience

- 2024: Payments were made on 127 subcontracts; MBEs accounted for roughly 40% of those subcontracts
- 2023: Payments were made on 109 subcontracts; MBEs accounted for roughly 33% of those subcontracts
- 2022: Payments were made on 133 subcontracts; MBEs accounted for roughly 35% of those subcontracts

# 2024 Highlights Continued

## Professional/Technical Parity

- Equitable payments by Prime Contractors to WBE and MBE firms on Professional/Technical Consulting services
  - Payments for MBE Professional/Technical Consulting Services
    - \$736,704.41
  - Payments for WBE Professional/Technical Consulting Services
    - \$743,976.51

# 2024 Highlights Continued

## Hispanic Owned DBE Firms

- Prime payments to Hispanic businesses made up 20% of the total payments made to all DBE firms this reporting period
- Prime payments to Hispanic businesses totaled \$500k
- Hispanic business subcontracts outpaced Hispanic business representation in the DBE Directory
  - Roughly 9% of the DBE Directory are Hispanic businesses
  - 12.3% of total DBE subcontracts that received payments this reporting period were with Hispanic businesses

# Path to Continued Success

## Building Success through Partnership and Inclusion

- Mentor-Protégé Program
  - 3 DBEs currently participating in Mentor-Protégé agreements with general contractors
    - Public Solutions
      - Caucasian women owned business
    - PWS
      - Native American male owned business
    - Top Vision
      - Black American male owned business
  - Meet and Greets
    - ES Consultant meet and greet held in Dec. 2021 and Q2 2024

# Path to Continued Success Continued

- Targeted Outreach-MBE firms/MBE Female owned firms
- Continued Growth of DBE Certified Firms
  - This reporting period had payments going to 45 unique DBE firms
- New DBE Orientation Event was held Oct. 29, 2024
- Supportive Services being offered by DBE firm Project Solutions, Inc.
  - How to Estimate and Bid
  - How to Respond to an RFP
  - Managing Contract Changes
  - Construction Safety Training
  - 1-on-1 Business Consulting

# Questions?

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