



Information Item:
June 2024 FTA Semi-Annual Report Summary

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DBE Utilization

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - Federal Funds

- Construction, Architectural & Engineering, Professional Technical Contracts
- Annual goal set every three years (2024 – 2026 =13.4%)
- Project specific goals assigned by Small Business Unit staff
- Report utilization to FTA semi-annually
- Achievement against annual goal is based on Awarded Contracts

DBE Utilization by Award

		Total Dollars	Total Number	Total to DBEs	Total # to DBEs	Total Dollars to DBEs/Race Conscious	Total Number to DBEs/ Race Conscious	Total Dollars to DBEs/Race Neutral	Total Number to DBEs/Race Neutral	% of Total to DBEs
Jun – 24	Prime Contracts Awarded	\$94,158,260	23	\$1,984,839	2			\$1,984,839	2	2.1%
	Subcontracts Awarded	\$35,621,224	106	\$7,058,919	47	\$7,058,919	47	\$	0	19.8%
	Total			\$9,043,758	49	\$7,058,919	47	\$1,984,839	2	9.6%

DBE Awarded Contracts by Gender and Ethnicity June 2024

	Women	Men	Total Dollars	Women Contracts	Men Contracts	Total Contracts to DBEs
Black American	\$24,762	\$492,694	\$517,456	1	7	8
Hispanic American	\$10,728	\$257,014	\$267,742	1	5	6
Native American	\$	\$624,513	\$624,513	0	3	3
Asian-Pacific American	\$107,358	\$2,068,193	\$2,175,551	1	4	5
Subcontinent Asian Americans	\$	\$	\$	0	0	0
Non-Minority	\$5,458,496	\$	\$5,458,496	27	0	27
Total	\$5,601,344	\$3,442,414	\$9,043,758	30	19	49

Total # of DBEs by Ethnicity and Location June 2024

	Metro District	Greater MN	Interstate	Total	# of Contracts to DBEs in June 2024	Awarded Amount to DBEs in June 2024
Black American	248	12	110	370 (31%)	8	\$517,456
Native American	18	14	13	45 (3.8%)	3	\$624,513
Hispanic American	57	13	41	111 (9%)	6	\$267,742
Non-Minority (White)	290	106	143	539 (45%)	27	\$5,458,496
Asian Americans	70	10	40	120 (10%)	5	\$2,175,551
Others	2	1	2	5 (0.4%)	0	\$0
	685	156	349	1190	49	\$9,043,758

Major Contracts Awarded

1. Fare Collection System Upgrade – Contract 24P004 - amount \$26,656,806 (28.31%) – Sole Source- DBE Commitment 0%.
2. Metro B Line Construction West – Contract 23P079 – amount \$26,229,782 (27.86%) – DBE Commitment 15.4%
3. Blue Line Enhancements Phase IIB (Rail) – Contract 23P039 – amount \$14,912,000 (15.84%) – DBE Commitment 7.3%

Success Stories

- DBE Prime Contracts
 - 1 DBE firm was awarded 2 prime contracts
- 5 contracts were awarded to Asian- Pacific American firms = \$2,175,551
 - 1 Female firm
 - 4 Male firms – 1 firm with multiple contracts

Process Improvement

- Targeted Outreach
- Meet and Greet
- Mentor Protégé
- OEEO Engagement - Divisional Trainings
 - CIM and Goal Setting
 - Award to End of Contract
- Engagement and Development Unit
- Data Team
- Thrive Equity Funds – 2024 MCUB Support Services for Certified Small Businesses
- Small Business Equity Assessment
- Diverse Spend Plan Policy

Questions

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