

FTA Triennial DBE Goal

Proposed for FFYs 2024-2026

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Federal Transit Administration (FTA) DBE Program

DBE Program Objective

- Federal program to create a level playing field for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and ensure nondiscrimination in the award of contracts (49 CFR 26)
- Each recipient of USDOT funding is responsible for setting and overall program goal every three years



Overall DBE Program Goal

- Overall goal represents the anticipated DBE participation over a three-year period
- Set every three years, provisions of the overall goal apply to each year
- Overall goal is not a quota

Meeting the overall goal

- The maximum feasible portion of your overall goal must be met using race-neutral means of DBE participation.
- Race-Neutral DBE participation includes when a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures, is awarded a subcontract on a project that does not carry a DBE contract goal or is awarded a subcontract on a project with a goal, but the DBE participation was not needed to meet the goal.

Contract Goals



- Contract (project specific) goals are established to meet any portion of the overall goal expected to not be met using race-neutral means.
- A contract goal represents the anticipated DBE participation for a specific project.
- A project specific DBE goal will rarely be the same value as the overall three-year goal.

Triennial DBE goal for FFYs 2021-2023

- Current Triennial DBE goal is 14%
- Goal achievement is based on awarded contracts
- Achievement of current goal
 - 2021 – 14.02%
 - 2022 – 18.22%
 - 2023 – 6.5% (represents first ½ of FFY 2023)

2024-2026 Proposed FTA DBE Goal



- Proposed FTA goal of 13.4%
 - Race-Conscious 11.0%
 - Race-Neutral 2.4%

How was the proposed goal determined?

Methodology

- Determine availability rates in well-defined geographic market area
- Produce any adjustments to the base DBE goal
- Propose maximum portion of the goal that can be achieved through race-neutral means

Proposed Goal Breakdown

Proposed Metropolitan Council FTA DBE Goals FY 2024–2026

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

For Comparison



- Base goal utilizing Dr. Myers and Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice Analytical methods is 13.4%
- If we had used the methodology previously used by OEEO the base goal would have been 4.58%

Next Steps

- 30-day Public Comment period from August 28th-September 28th
- Dr. Myers and Ashanti present goal to Management Committee on September 13th
- Virtual Public Comment meeting to be held via TEAM September 14th
 - RSVP at dbe@metc.state.mn.us
- Dr. Myers presents goals to EAC on September 19th
- Goal brought back to management committee and full council meeting on October 25th for approval
- Goal submitted to FTA in November

Questions?

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