

Fort Bend County Public Transportation

DBE Goal FY2015-FY2017

7%

Fort Bend County Public Transportation has completed their review of the federally funded contracting opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) for fiscal years 2015-2017.

Pursuant to US DOT regulations 49 CFR PART 26, the County is required to establish a Race Neutral / Race Conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal program. This goal is based upon projected contracting / procurement opportunities, the availability of eligible ready, willing and able to work Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and past contracting achievement.

An overall agency goal of **7%** is proposed for contracting / procurement opportunities for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program.

Method of Establishing Goal:

Fort Bend County utilized the following data sources to determine a base figure for the relative availability of DBEs:

- 2011 Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land MSA County Business Patterns
<http://censtats.census.gov/cgi-bin/msanaic/msasect.pl>
- State of Texas-Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) DBE Directory
<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/tucp-cat-dist.htm?dist=HOU>

Step One: To develop the base number of available DBEs the following was done:

1. Fort Bend Public Transit first identified the types of contracts and budget expected to bid out over the three year period.
2. Completed the USDOT's Weighting Base Figure Worksheet
3. Identified the number of available DBEs for each listing utilizing NAICS codes and the TUCP website. This enabled us to establish the total percent of available DBEs at seven percent (7%).

| NAICS CODE | PROJECT | AMOUNT | AREA DBEs/ALL DBEs | |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 236220 | Construction Admin/Operations Bldg Westpark Park & Ride | \$19,980,280 | 55 | 742 |
| 541890 | Printing Advertising | \$15,995 | 5 | 109 |
| 423860 | Bus Shelters/MDTs | \$106,885 | 1 | 74 |
| 238290 | Maintenance P&R | \$3,091 | 1 | 130 |
| 541618 | Transit Consulting | \$327,853 | 18 | 356 |
| 561621 | Security Cameras | \$37,150 | 4 | 121 |
| 4247 | Petroleum Fuel | \$435,485 | 1 | 200 |
| 424120 | Office/Supplies | \$24,142 | 4 | 73 |
| 541430 | Bus Wraps | \$336,701 | 14 | 184 |
| | Combined Totals | \$21,267,582 | 103 | 1989 |

Step Two: After an examination of the current capacity of DBEs, size of anticipated expenditures, review of past DBEs on similar expenses it was determined that no adjustment to the base figure established in step one was needed at this time, for an overall goal of **7%**.

Public Participation Notice

Fort Bend Public Transportation Department pursues public participation through inquiry and consultation with various contractor groups and community organizations and identifies DBE organizations through review of Texas State's certified DBEs, capable of performing Fort Bend Public Transit contracts. Identification of DBEs is available at the Texas Unified Certification Program's Directory.

Comments on the proposed overall goals are encouraged and will be used for informational purposes to develop the final established goals. The methodology used to determine the goal will be available for public inspection during normal working hours, Monday through Friday at the Fort Bend County Public Transportation office until July 28, 2014. The address for the Public Transportation is 12550 Emily Court, Sugar Land, TX 77478.

Fort Bend County will accept comments on the goals until 4:00 p.m. on July 28, 2014. If the County receives any comments from individuals or organizations a response to each will be prepared. Comments must be submitted in writing to the following address:

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Federal Transit Administration, Region VI
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