

**Proposed FFY 2016-2018
DBE Program Goal
Committee of the Whole Board
July 7, 2015**



Federal Requirement

Establish an Overall DBE Goal on an triennial basis to adequately reflect the opportunity for DBE participation on federally-assisted procurements that are expected to be made during the three-year period

DBE Goal Timetable

- **May 6, 2015** **Held Community Advisory Meeting**
- **June 8, 2015** **Published Proposed Goal and Began Public Comment Period**
- **July 7, 2015** **Committee of the Whole Board- Review Goal**
- **July 28, 2015** **Seek Board Approval**
- **August 1, 2015** **Submit Proposed Goal to FTA**



Community Advisory Group

A representative list of organizations invited to attend the Community Advisory Meeting includes:

- Office of Congresswoman Marcia Fudge
- City of Cleveland–Office of Equal Opportunity
- Cleveland Airport–DBE Program
- Consortium of African Organizations
- Hispanic Business Chamber of Commerce
- Urban League of Greater Cleveland
- Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Cleveland Job Corps
- Greater Cleveland Partnership–Minority Business Center

Rationale for DBE Program

- Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts
- Create a level the playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts
- Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs on DOT-assisted contracts
- Assist the development of firms to compete successfully in market outside the DBE program

Revised Reporting Requirements

- **Beginning with Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011, DOT changed from a one year cycle for submission of the DBE goal to a three year cycle**
- **The FFY runs from October 1 – September 30, which means the current three year cycle will begin on October 1, 2015 and run through September 30, 2018**

Revised Program Requirements

- The Authority is required to submit a written explanation and/or corrective action plan where a “significant” gap exists between the Overall DBE Goal and actual achievement of the goal in any individual year
- The Authority may seek FTA approval to revise the Overall DBE Goal during the three-year period to reflect unanticipated changes in the general marketplace or specifically related to GCRTA

DBE Program Results

<u>FFY</u>	<u>Achieved</u>	<u>Goal</u>
2015 (1st half)	28.1%	22.0%
2014	19.3%	22.0%
2013	24.6%	22.0%



Calculation of Overall DBE Goal

In accordance with FTA guidelines the following approach was used to calculate the DBE Goal:

Established a base figure of the relative availability of DBEs

Adjusted the base figure to takes into account Authority specific factors such as number, types, and dollar value of contracts, and DBE participation achieved during the past three years

Proposed FFY 2016-2018 Overall DBE Goal

Based on the factors that are to be considered in the calculation of the Overall DBE Goal, the proposed FFY 2016-2018 DBE Goal is 21.7%

Means to Achieve the goal:

Race Conscious 18.5%
Contract Specific Goals

Race Neutral 3.2%
DBE Participation where firm is Prime Contractor
DBE Participation that "Exceeds" Contract Goal



Requested Action

Staff recommends the Committee of the Whole Board recommend to the Board of Trustees the approval of the triennial DBE Goal of 21.7%

Comments / Questions

