



Setting the DBE Goal for FY 2024

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DBE Goal for FY 2024

- U.S. DOT's DBE Program seeks to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts and to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts.
- The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal is set in conjunction with each UPWP.
- 49 C.F.R. §26(.45) - Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs

Methodology for Goal Setting

- MDOT is the designated state agency to certify DBE/MDE/WBE firms and determine goals.
- MDOT hired NERA Economic Consulting, Inc., or National Economic Research Associates. They are an economic consulting firm founded in 1961. It was the first consulting firm dedicated to methodically apply microeconomic theory to litigation and regulatory matters.

DBE Methodology

- The BRTB piggy-backs on the basis of being located in the same or a substantially similar market.
- MDOT uses a methodology that sets a goal for three fiscal years. FY 2024 will be year 3. FTA reviews and approves the methodology.
- The goal adopted by the BRTB is based on a methodology for the MDOT – Office of Planning and MD MPOs.
- The FY 2024 DBE goal is proposed for 26.2 percent.