

POLICY STATEMENT

Section 26.1/26.23 Objective/Policy Statement


It is the continuing policy of the Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "County", to ensure that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), as defined in the Department of Transportation (DOT) 49 CFR Part 26, has an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in contracts financed in whole or in part with DOT assisted funds. The Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is also the County's policy to:

1. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT assisted contracts.
2. Create a level playing field on which DBE's can compete fairly for DOT assisted contracts.
3. Ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law.
4. Ensure that only firms that fully meet CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBE's.
5. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBE's in DOT assisted contracts.
6. Assist, if possible, the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.
7. Provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and proving opportunities for DBE's.

The Finance Officer of Space Coast Area Transit has been delegated as the DBE Liaison Officer for Space Coast Area Transit. In that capacity, the Finance Officer is responsible for implementing all aspects of the DBE Program. Implementation of the DBE Program is accorded the same priority as compliance with all other legal obligations incurred by the Finance Officer in its financial assistance agreements with the Department of Transportation.

The Finance Officer has distributed this policy statement to business entities in the area and all those who perform work for Space Coast Area Transit on DOT assisted contracts via Space Coast Area Transit's website, 321Transit.com.


Terry Jordan, Transit Director

Date 2/26/2024



FY 2022, 2023 & 2024 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL SETTING

Federal Regulations (USDOT) require state and local transportation agencies that receive Department of Transportation (DOT) financial assistance to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and goals for participation of DBE's in accordance with 49CRF Part 26. Agencies are required to establish triennial goals on anticipated Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding prime contracts in a fiscal year. We welcome your comments.

PUBLIC NOTICE SPACE COAST AREA TRANSIT BREVARD COUNTY, FL 32922

In accordance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended, Space Coast Area Transit, Brevard County, FL hereby notice the public of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded contracts for a three-year period for federal fiscal years 2022 (FFY2022) to federal fiscal year 2024 (FFY2024). The overall proposed DBE triennial goal is 0.139%. Space Coast Area Transit proposed to achieve its overall DBE goal by using race neutral measures. The triennial goal is established to achieve a "level play field" for DBE's to participate in Space Coast Area Transit's FTA assisted contracting opportunities. Information pertaining to this goal and a description of how it was selected is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) for 30 days following the date of this notice. The comments are for informational purposes only and may be sent to the following:

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Overall DBE Goal Calculation

Amount of Goal

Space Coast Area Transit's overall DBE goal for the time period from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2024 is 0.0139% of the Federal financial assistance we will expend in DOT assisted contracts, exclusive of FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles.

Methodology used to Calculate Overall Goal

Step 1 26.45(c)

- Brevard County has 33 certified DBEs that are Ready, Willing and Able to provide transit services.
- Brevard County has 2,373 businesses and 33 of them can provide transit type services or products.
- 33 DBEs divided by 2,373 businesses = 0.0139%

The data source evidence used to derive the numerator and denominator was My Florida market Place and the Unified Certification Program Certified DBEs which lists the Brevard County DBEs.

When we divided the numerator by the denominator we arrived at the base figure for our overall goal and that number was 0.0139%

Step 1 - Determine the weight of each type of work by NAICS Code:

* Enter all the FTA-assisted projects below. Project amounts should be assigned relevant NAICS Code(s).

	NAICS Code	Project	Amount of DOT funds on project:	% of total DOT funds (weight)
1)	236220	Bus Shelters	\$1,560,526.00	0.5029
2)	236220	Renovations at Cocoa Terminal	\$700,000.00	0.2258
3)	236220	Replacement of Concrete Parking Lot	\$843,575.00	0.2718
	Total FTA-Assisted Contract Funds		\$3,103,101.00	1

Step 2 - Determine the relative availability of DBE's by NAICS Code:

* Use DBE Directory, census data and/or a bidders list to enter the number of available DBE firms and the number of available firms.

	NAICS Code	Project	Number of DBEs available to perform this work	Number of all firms available (including DBEs)	Relative Availability
1)	236220	Bus Shelters	0	34	0.0000
2)	236220	Renovations at Cocoa Terminal	33	44	0.7500
3)	236220	Replacement of Concrete Parking Lot	33	44	0.7500
	Combined Totals		66	122	0.5409

Overall availability of DBEs

Step II Setting the Race Neutral Goal

Space Coast Area Transit has reviewed Step I Goal and has set a DBE goal of 0.0139% to be achieved for the next three years.

This year Space Coast Area Transit will work hard to certify more DBEs in our area.

In FY 2022 to 2024, Space Coast Area Transit expects to meet the entirety of our goal through race neutral means. If for any reason, we cannot meet our Race Neutral Goal, then we would update our DBE Plan and add a Race Conscious Goal.

Our goal information can be found at the 321Transit.

In order to ensure that our DBE program will be narrowly tailored to overcome the effects of discrimination, if we use contract goals we will adjust as necessary the estimated breakout of race neutral goal participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation and we will track and report race-neutral goals through a prime contract obtained through customary competition or through a subcontract on a prime contract.

Public Participation/Consultation

Although we did not have a scheduled DBE public meeting prior to submitting our Overall DBE Goal, we are planning to schedule a public meeting in the fall of 2023 to help us meet this requirement. Space Coast Area Transit's overall goal submission will include the goal, a copy of the methodology and any worksheets used to develop the goal; a summary of information and comments received during the public participation process and our responses; and proof of publication of the goal in the local media.

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