

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Goal and Conditions of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program are available for public inspection and/or comment. The Department has established a **17.8%** annual DBE goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028. The methodology and specific information about how this goal was established are available for review and comment for 30 days beginning May 5, 2025 at: [DBE Goal Methodology and Instruction 2026-2028.pdf](#) Written comments can be sent to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Compliance Programs Office; ATTN: Paula Merrick Roddy, Statewide Program Manager – Compliance Programs, P.O. Box 94245, Room 305-L, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245. This goal was established based on the DBE Program, 49 CFR Part 26.



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# DBE GOAL SETTING METHODOLOGY

## 2026-2028

### STEP 1: DETERMINATION OF BASE FIGURE (BF)

- Total Ready, Willing and Able (RWA) DBE firms = 177 for Federal Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, 2024
- Total Ready, Willing and Able Firms (RWA) (DBE's and non-DBEs) = 800 for Federal Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, 2024

$$\text{BF} = \frac{\text{RWA DBE's}}{\text{RWA (DBEs and non-DBE's)}} = \frac{177}{800} \times 100 = 22.125 = 22.13\%$$

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### STEP 2: ADJUSTMENT BASED ON PAST PARTICIPATION

(Past DBE Participation Percent's for Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2024)

- 2020 = 12.37%
  - 2021 = 15.42%
  - 2022 = 13.80%
  - 2023 = 10.94%
  - 2024 = 13.37%
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### STEP 3: DETERMINE MEDIAN PAST PARTICIPATION RATE (MPP)

- 10.94%
  - 12.37%
  - 13.37% - The median
  - 13.80%
  - 15.42%
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### STEP 4: STEP 1 BASE FIGURE ADJUSTED FOR PAST PARTICIPATION

(Add Base Figure (BF) and Median Past Participation (MPP) and divide by 2)

$$\text{Adjusted DBE Goal} = \frac{\text{BF}}{2} + \frac{\text{MPP}}{2} = \frac{22.13}{2} + \frac{13.37}{2} = \frac{35.50}{2} = 17.75 = 17.8\%$$

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### STEP 5: RACE CONSCIOUS VERSUS RACE NEUTRAL

(Past Race Neutral Participation Rates – Completed Contracts)

- 2020 = 4.48%
- 2021 = 6.92%
- 2022 = 5.32%
- 2023 = 4.99%
- 2024 = 5.80%
- Determine Median Past Race Neutral Participation Rate
  - 4.48%
  - 4.99%
  - 5.32% - The Median
  - 5.80%
  - 6.92%
- Establish new Race Conscious and Race Neutral Percent's
  - 12.48% – Race Conscious
  - 5.32% - Race Neutral

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2026-2028 DBE GOAL METHODOLOGY**

### **DBE 3 year Goal Methodology Instructions – FHWA – Report due August 1<sup>st</sup>**

1. Have OTS run a three year report to latest past federal fiscal year for the Ready Willing and Able (RWA) list – delineate DBE's and Non-DBEs
  - a. FFY Oct 1 2021 – Sep 30 2022
  - b. FFY Oct 1 2022 – Sep 30 2023
  - c. FFY Oct 1 2023 – Sep 30 2024
2. Tally the total RWA's
3. Tally the total DBE's
4. Tally the total Non-DBE's
5. Double check all numbers and names
6. Steps to calculate
  - a. Step 1 – Number of DBE's divided by Total RWA list – get a percentage – round to two decimal places- this will give you the Base DBE Goal
  - b. Step 2-1 – List the past 5 years of DBE Department Goals Attained
    - i. FFY Oct 1 2019 – Sep 30 2020
    - ii. FFY Oct 1 2020 – Sep 30 2021
    - iii. FFY Oct 1 2021 – Sep 30 2022
    - iv. FFY Oct 1 2022 – Sep 30 2023
    - v. FFY Oct 1 2023 - Sep 30 2024
  - c. Step 2-2 – Place the Goals in Numerical order from smallest goal to largest goal
  - d. Step 2-3 – Select the Median number (the number in the middle) (i.e., 9.3%; 10.3%; 10.8%; 11.2%; 11.5% - 10.8% is the median number)
  - e. Step 2-4 – Add answer from Step 1 to Step 2-3 and divide by 2, round to one decimal place
  - f. This will give you your Adjusted DBE Goal for the next 3 year period.