



City of Longview

Proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Overall Goal and Goal Setting Methodology Fiscal Year 2020-2022

The purpose of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) overall goal is to achieve a “level playing field” for ready, willing and able DBEs seeking to participate in DOT-assisted contracts. In an effort to reach this level playing field, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26.45 requires recipients of USDOT federal-aid to utilize a two-step process in the development of their overall DBE goal.

STEP ONE: Develop a Base Figure for the Relative Availability of DBEs

The base figure for the relative availability of DBE’s is the ratio of certified DBE’s relative to the total firms available in the relevant region. RiverCities Transit has adopted Washington as its relevant region and Washington State for its operations contracts.

RiverCities Transit applied the number of relevant certified DBEs listed in the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise Directory in the numerator of the calculation below. There are currently 51 certified DBEs in our relevant region, as well as a few Washington State certified WBE and MWBE businesses.

RiverCities Transit applied the total number of firms according to the Census Bureau’s CBP database in the denominator of the calculation below. There are 71,412 firms as of the most current reported CBP database in Washington State.

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| Certified DBE’s in Washington | 51 | 0.00071% |
| Firms in Washington | 71,412 | |

Based on the calculation above, the base figure for DBE availability is 0.00071%.

RiverCities used weighting by taking the (Weight) x (Availability) = Weighted Base Figure.

STEP TWO: Adjustment of the Base Figure for the Overall Goal

The second step in this process is to adjust the base figure based upon evidence available in the region. Based upon the data available to calculate the base figure, RiverCities Transit has determined that its overall goal for the federal fiscal years 2020-2022 is 0.0%.

RiverCities Transit currently contracts with several small and minority owned businesses, and will encourage them to apply for Federal DBE certification in an effort to increase future DBE participation.

Means to Meet Overall DBE Goal

RiverCities Transit will use only race neutral means to encourage DBE participation in its federally assisted contracts.

Public Involvement in the Overall Goal Setting Process

RiverCities Transit will make the proposed overall goal and methodology available on its website at <http://rctransit.org/more/procurement/>. The goals and methodology will also be available for inspection during normal business hours at RiverCities Transit's administrative office located at 254 Oregon Way, Longview WA. Public comments may be mailed to RiverCities Transit PO Box 128, Longview WA 98632 or submitted via e-mail to customerservice@rctransit.org.