

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Vermont Agency of Transportation
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
Overall Annual Goal on FTA-Funded Projects
For Fiscal Years October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026**

Pursuant to US Department of Transportation regulations contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, all state transportation agencies receiving Department of Transportation financial assistance must establish overall percentage goals for the dollar value of work to be awarded disadvantaged businesses. This action has been deemed necessary in order to provide these businesses the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. The Vermont Agency of Transportation is a recipient of US Department of Transportation financial assistance, and hereby establishes the following goal in accordance with these regulations:

In FY 2024 - 2026, the Vermont Agency of Transportation intends to expend 1.2% of the Federal financial assistance received from FTA with small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (DBEs). The Vermont Agency of Transportation estimates that we will meet our entire overall goal of 1.2% through race-neutral participation, and that we will not have to resort to race-conscious measures.

Individuals who are interested in becoming a certified disadvantaged business enterprise in Vermont should contact:

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Vermont Agency of Transportation
Office of Civil Rights & Labor Compliance
219 North Main Street, Barre, VT 05641
Sonya.boisvert@vermont.gov (802) 279-1330

A description of the methodology used in establishing this goal **can be viewed for 30 days** following the date of this notice during normal business hours at the above address. It is also available for viewing on our website:

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/civilrights/documents/dbe/VTransFTADBEGoalFFY20242026.pdf>

Comments pertaining to this overall goal will be accepted at the above referenced address for a period of forty-five days beginning on the date of publication of this notice. Comments will also be accepted by the Federal Transit Administration, Transportation Systems Center, Kendall Square, 55 Broadway, Suite 920, Cambridge, MA 02142-1093, Attention: FTA Regional Civil Rights Officer.

Additional information about our DBE Program, including our current DBE Directory, certification application, resource guides and links to other small business resources can be obtained by visiting the DBE page of our website at: <http://vtrans.vermont.gov/civil-rights/doing-business/dbe-center>

All firms, both DBE and non-DBE, are invited to contact the Vermont Agency of Transportation for information regarding bidding opportunities on federally funded projects.

Dated July 25, 2023 at Barre, Vermont