

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

Updated DBE Goal

Federal Transit Administration
Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2028

October 28, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.
November 4, 2026| 11:00 a.m.

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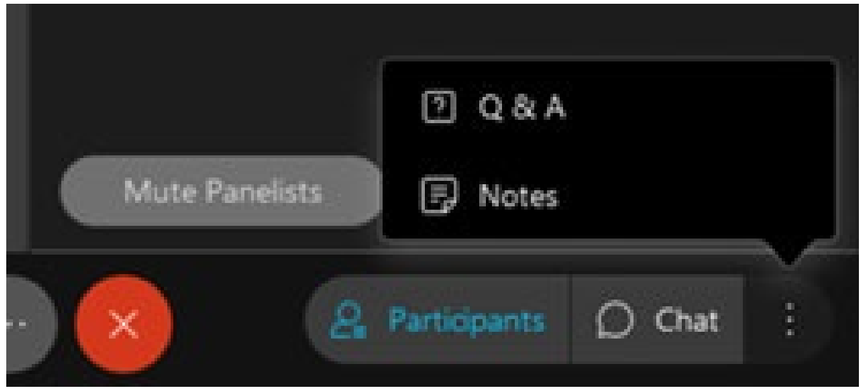



AGENDA

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Proposed Revised DBE Goal

0.4% DBE-Neutral

0% DBE-Conscious Split

Applicable:

$40,088,000 FTA-assisted contracts ONLY

https://www.goldengate.org/assets/1/25/2026-1022-rulescomm-no3-appupdateddbegoalfy27-28ftacontr.pdf?14350



Highlights of Final Rule September 25, 2026

https://www.transportation.gov/osdbu/disadvantaged-business-enterprise/history-dot-dbe-program

September 25, 2026 Final Rule: Adopts the October 3, 2025, Interim Final Rule (IFR) with few modifications

Significant Changes to DBE Program

- Race- and sex-based presumptions of disadvantage are eliminated. Revised definition of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual. §26.5.
- Every owner must individually prove disadvantage without any presumptions based on race or sex. §26.67
- Personal Narrative must identify at least one objective basis for the owner's disadvantaged status. The basis may be any identifiable status or condition that the owner experienced that prompted economic hardship, social barriers, or denied opportunities. §26.67. EDIF & evidence to consider found in §26.67(4)(b)(1).
- Existing DBEs must be reevaluated; UCPs must finish the process by December 24, 2026. A UCP may request a one-time extension up to 90 days to complete the process. §26.111. CUCP completed this process as of July 20, 2026.
- Firms removed through reevaluation are disqualified rather than decertified, and disqualification letters must give specific reasons and appeal instructions.
- DBEs that receive a written notice for nonresponse to the UCPs reevaluation deadline have until March 24, 2027, or within 90-days of the UCP's extended deadline to submit their PN and PNW statement to the UCP.

District is not a certifying agency. Please visit Caltrans DBE Certification & Reevaluation page for more information, https://dot.ca.gov/programs/civil-rights/dbe-reevaluation

Goal Setting Process

8 Minimum Requirements

- Identify the projects that will be expended with FTA funds (excluding TVMs) over the next three years.
- Determine relevant geographic market area (GMA).
- Gather the data to develop the Step One Base Figure.
- Identify data sources to use in Step One.
- Review evidence - Step Two Adjustment, if necessary.
- Identify DBE-Neutral/DBE-Conscious split.
- Consult with outside stakeholders - Public Participation Meeting.
- Notify the public - advertise proposed goal on website and/or media outlets. Submit goal to Operating Administration.

*Process completed July 31, 2025; Proposed Triennial Goal of 1.1% DBE-Neutral / 0% DBE-Conscious Split

Two-Step Goal Methodology

Step One

Determining a base figure for the relative availability of DBEs using the following examples:

- Bidder's List
- CUCP Directory/U.S. Census County Business Pattern (2023)
- Goal of another DOT Recipient
- Alternative methods

Step Two

After calculating the Base Figure, examine all the evidence available to determine what adjustment, if any, is necessary. Some examples:

- Per Final Rule: Past participation is prohibited.
- DBE Availability and Capacity
- Disparity/Availability Study
- Adjustment of another recipient's goal
- Statistical Disparities: financing, bonding, insurance
- Data on employment, education, training, union apprenticeship programs

Exhibit 1: Contracts Subject to Mid-Course Adjusted DBE Goal

DIVISION	A. DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT	B. FTA DOLLARS
	Anticipated for award in FFY 2027 - 2028	
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.V. Golden Gate* (2027)	$520,000
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.V. Napa* (2027)	$520,000
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.S. Sonoma* (2027)	$480,000
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.S. Marin* (2028)	$800,000
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.V. Mendocino* (2028)	$520,000
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Professional Services)	$384,000
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Construction)	$560,000
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Professional Services)	$120,000
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Construction)	$2,456,000
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) Storage Tank and Transfer Infrastructure Construction	$1,200,000
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berths and Channel Dredging Construction	$11,200,000
Ferry	Gangways & Piers Sausalito Construction	$21,328,000
	Total FTA Funds:	**$40,088,000**

District's Local Market Area

Majority of Contract Dollars Expended

The area of which the agency spends the substantial majority of its contracting dollars.



Area of Substantial Contractors/Subcontractors

The location of substantial majority of the contractors and subcontractors the agency does business

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma

Scope of Work by NAICS Codes

A. NAICS CODE NUMBER	B. NAICS DESCRIPTION	C. CUCP DBEs	D. ALL FIRMS IN LOCAL MARKET AREA	E. ALL FIRMS (INCLUDING DBES)	F. RELATIVE DBE AVAIL.
237110	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	9	167	176	5.1%
237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	1	18	19	5.3%
237310	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	22	171	193	11.4%
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	12	56	68	17.6%
238110	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	15	481	496	3.0%
238120	Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	7	82	89	7.9%
238210	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	4	2332	2336	0.2%
238220	Plumbing, Heating, and Air-Conditioning Contractors	3	2537	2540	0.1%
238990	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	18	742	760	2.4%
331222	Steel Wire Drawing	0	0	0	0.0%
336611	Ship Building and Repairing	0	0	0	0.0%
483211	Inland Water Freight Transportation	0	0	0	0.0%
488330	Navigational Services to Shipping	0	10	10	0.0%
541330	Engineering Services	47	2602	2649	1.8%
541370	Surveying and Mapping (except Geophysical) Services	5	98	103	4.9%
541620	Environmental Consulting Services	20	428	448	4.5%
561990	All Other Support Services	7	270	277	2.5%

Data sources as of 9-15-2026

Step 1: Determining Base Figure

- Identify contracts budgeted for FFY 2027-2028
- Identify scopes of work (prime/sub) using North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes.
- Determine the number of DBEs (numerator)
- Determine the number of "All Firms" (DBEs and non-DBEs) in your market area (denominator)
- Add back in the number of DBEs to the denominator.
- Determine the "Relative Availability" by dividing the number of DBEs by the number of all firms in that NAICS code.

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336611	Ship Building and Repairing	0	0	0	0.0%
483211	Inland Water Freight Transportation	0	0	0	0.0%
488330	Navigational Services to Shipping	0	10	10	0.0%
541330	Engineering Services	47	2602	2649	1.8%
541370	Surveying and Mapping (except Geophysical) Services	5	98	103	4.9%
541620	Environmental Consulting Services	20	428	448	4.5%
561990	All Other Support Services	7	270	277	2.5%

Step One: Determining the Base Figure Cont.

Prescribed Calculation Formula

Step 1 - Determine the weight of each type of work by NAICS Code. Enter all the FTA -assisted contracts. Contract amounts should be assigned relevant NAICS codes.

NAICS Code	Project	Amount	Weight
237110	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction (LFT Culvert Rehab Construction)	$ 404,000	0.0101
237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction (DEF Storage Tank Construction)	$ 768,000	0.0192
237310	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction (DEF Storage Tank Construction)	$ 28,000	0.0007
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (Gangways GC)	$ 8,024,000	0.2002
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (Gangways - Pile Driving)	$ 2,400,000	0.0599
237990	Other Heavey and Civil Engineering Construction (Dredging Construction)	$ 10,000,000	0.2495

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

NAICS Code	Project	DBE Availability	All Firms	All Firms (Including SBEs)	Relative Availability
237110	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	9	167	176	0.0511
237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	1	18	19	0.0526
237310	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	22	171	193	0.1140
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	12	56	68	0.1765
238110	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	15	481	496	0.0302
238120	Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	7	82	89	0.0787

Step 3 – Determine Step One (Weight x Availability) = Weighted Base Figure

(Weight) x (Availability) = Weighted Base Figure

NAICS Code	Project	Weight	Availability	Weighted Base Figure
237110	Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction (LFT Culvert Rehab Construction)	0.0101	0.0511	0.0005
237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction (DEF Storage Tank Construction)	0.0192	0.0526	0.0010
237310	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction (DEF Storage Tank Construction)	0.0007	0.1140	0.0001
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (Gangways GC)	0.2002	0.1765	0.0353
237990	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (Gangways - Pile Driving)	0.0599	0.1765	0.0106
237990	Other Heavey and Civil Engineering Construction (Dredging Construction)	0.2495	0.1765	0.0440
561990	All Other Support Services (DEF Storage Tank Construction)	0.0005	0.0253	0.0000
			Total	0.1016
			(*100)	10.1573
			Weighted Base Figure	**10.16**

Step 2: Adjusting Step One Base Figure

DBE Availability & Capacity - Marine Construction

Prime Contractors – NAICS 237990

- Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berths and Channel Dredging Construction ($11.2M)

NAICS Code and Description for Prime and Subcontracting Opportunities	% of Individual Contract Dollars	Relative DBE Availability	Adjusted Base Figure Per Contract
Prime: 237990, Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	89%	0.00%	0.00%
Sub:488330, Navigational Services to Shipping	10%	0.00%	0.00%
Sub: 541370, Surveying and Mapping (except Geophysical) Services	1%	4.85%	0.03%
Contract Total	100%		**0.03%**

Prime & Subcontractors – NAICS 237990 & 238120

- Gangways & Piers Sausalito Construction ($21.3M) (Pile Driving & Precast)

NAICS Code and Description for Prime and Subcontracting Opportunities	% of Individual Contract Dollars	Relative DBE Availability	Adjusted Base Figure Per Contract
Prime: 237990, Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	37.6%	0.0%	0.00%
Sub: 237990, Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction (Pile Driving)	11.3%	0.0%	0.00%
Sub: 238110, Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	2.7%	3.0%	0.08%
Sub: 238120, Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors (Precast)	18.2%	0.0%	0.00%
Sub: 238120, Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors (Bar Reinforcing)	2.3%	7.9%	0.18%
Sub: 238210, Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	4.5%	0.2%	0.01%
Sub: 238220, Plumbing and HVAC Contractors	18.2%	0.1%	0.02%
Sub: 488330, Navigational Services to Shipping	4.5%	0.0%	0.00%
Sub: 541370, Surveying and Mapping (except Geophysical) Services	0.7%	4.9%	0.03%
Contract Total	100%		**0.33%**

Step 1
Base Figure

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	Anticipated for award in FFY 2026/27 -2027/28			
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for Golden Gate (2027)	$520,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for M.V. Napa (2027)	$520,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvments for M.S. Sonoma (2027)	$480,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for M.V. Marin (2028)	$800,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvments for M.V. Mendocino (2028)	$520,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Professional Services)	$384,000	2.8%	$10,752
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Construction)	$560,000	4.2%	$23,520
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Professional Services)	$120,000	1.8%	$2,160
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Construction)	$2,456,000	0.0%	$0
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) Storage Tank and Transfer Infrastructure Construction	$1,200,000	4.1%	$49,200
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berths and Channel Dredging Construction	$11,200,000	15.8%	$1,769,600
Ferry	Gangways & Piers Sausalito Construction	$21,328,000	10.4%	$2,218,112
	Total FTA Funds:	**$40,088,000**		**$4,073,344**
		Step 1 Goal= 10.2%		

Step 2
Adjustment

DIVISION	A. DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT	B. FTA DOLLARS	C. DBE AVAILABILITY PER CONTRACT	FTA $ PROJECTED FOR DBEs
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Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.V. Napa* (2027)	$520,000	0.00%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.S. Sonoma* (2027)	$480,000	0.00%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.S. Marin* (2028)	$800,000	0.00%	$0
Ferry	Dry Docking and Capital Improvements for *M.V. Mendocino* (2028)	$520,000	0.00%	$0
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Professional Services)	$384,000	2.80%	$10,752
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Drainage Culvert Rehabilitation (Construction)	$560,000	4.20%	$23,520
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Professional Services)	$120,000	1.80%	$2,160
Ferry	Larkspur Berths 1&2 Mooring Camels Restoration (Construction)	$2,456,000	0.00%	$0
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) Storage Tank and Transfer Infrastructure Construction	$1,200,000	4.10%	$49,200
Ferry	Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berths and Channel Dredging Construction	$11,200,000	0.03%	$3,360
Ferry	Gangways & Piers Sausalito Construction	$21,328,000	0.33%	$70,382
	Total FTA Funds:	**$40,088,000**		**$159,374**
		Step Two Adjustment= 0.4%		

Next Steps

- **10-day comment period –** Ends November 5th
- **Submit Final DBE Goal Methodology to FTA for Review**
  - FTA review/comments – approval not required
- **Summit updated DBE Program Plan to FTA**
  - Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Board Approval – Tentative November meeting
  - FTA review/comments – approval not required
- **Resume Full DBE Program**
  - Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals
  - DBE Project Goal – FTA Approval
  - DBE Goals on FHWA-assisted contracts only as a subrecipient of Caltrans
- **Notification to Prime/Subcontractors**

Public Comment

DBE Goal Methodology

- https://www.goldengate.org/assets/1/6/updated dbegoalmethodologyfta-assistcontr_for_ffy_27-28.pdf

Comment Form

- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/u3x3PPjchn



Discussion

- **DBE – Non-DBE availability**
  - 1388 or 1500 Certifications Listed in CUCP Directory (as of 11/4/26)
  - DBE/ACDBE/DBE for FAA Only

- **Efforts to level the playing field for DBEs**
  - How to break barriers to marine professional services and construction?
  - What can the District do differently beyond current efforts?
  - Any other suggestion or comments to the proposed 0.4% DBE-Neutral goal?



Resources

- **Electronic 49 CFR Part 26**
  - https://www.ecfr.gov/compare/2026-09-25/to/2026-09-24/title-49/subtitle-A/part-26 **9/25/2026 Timeline**
- **Federal Register DBE/ACDBE Implementation Modifications**
  - https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/09/25/2026-19688/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-and-airport-concession-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-program
- **September 2026 Final Rule FAQs**
  - https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2026-09/DBE_Final%20Rule_FAQs%2009-28-2026_0.pdf
- **Breaking Barriers in Marine Construction**
  - https://goldengate-org.zoom.us/rec/share/S217M8JHPH7udvdvUtj8YN_X5kYlMiZd7LCpTz125zOyR3ofxduWohseG7tbm48n.lQYycliGINzoLVYb?startTime=1676487614000 |Passcode: Ad!q84l#
- **California Unified Certification Program (CUCP)**
  - https://caltrans.dbesystem.com/
- **Golden Gate Bridge District Procurement Portal**
  - https://www.goldengate.org/district/doing-business/register-as-a-vendor/



THANK YOU!

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