

# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (Nashville MTA) and Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA), as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) regulations, contained under 49 CFR Part 26, announces the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) triennial goals for applicable professional services, construction services, and other procurement contracting opportunities administered through the Nashville MTA and RTA and funded by the USDOT during Federal Fiscal Years FFY 2021-2023, effective October 1, 2020-September 30, 2023.

**The DBE Triennial Overall Goal for Nashville MTA's is 14%.**

**The DBE Triennial Overall Goal for RTA is 3%.**

The methodology used in establishing the overall DBE goal will be available for review at [WeGoTransit.com](https://www.wegotransit.com).

Written comments on the DBE goal will be accepted from the public for 30 days following the date of this notice.

Comments may be directed to:

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Comments and questions may also be sent via email to [WeGoBusiness@nashville.gov](mailto:WeGoBusiness@nashville.gov) or by calling 615-880-3984.

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# Welcome to the DBE Goal Setting Session

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Director of Procurement & Business  
Diversity

August 12, 2020



Public facing name adopted to simplify the public's understanding of transit in Middle Tennessee. WeGo is considered the service provider of Nashville MTA and RTA.



Legally recognized names for transit services in Nashville and the region. These will be the issuing firms of all requests for proposals.



Non-profit organization established to manage administrative functions of Nashville MTA and RTA.



# Overview

- DBE Program Basics
- MTA & RTA Goal Setting Methodology
- How to Provide Comments
- Questions

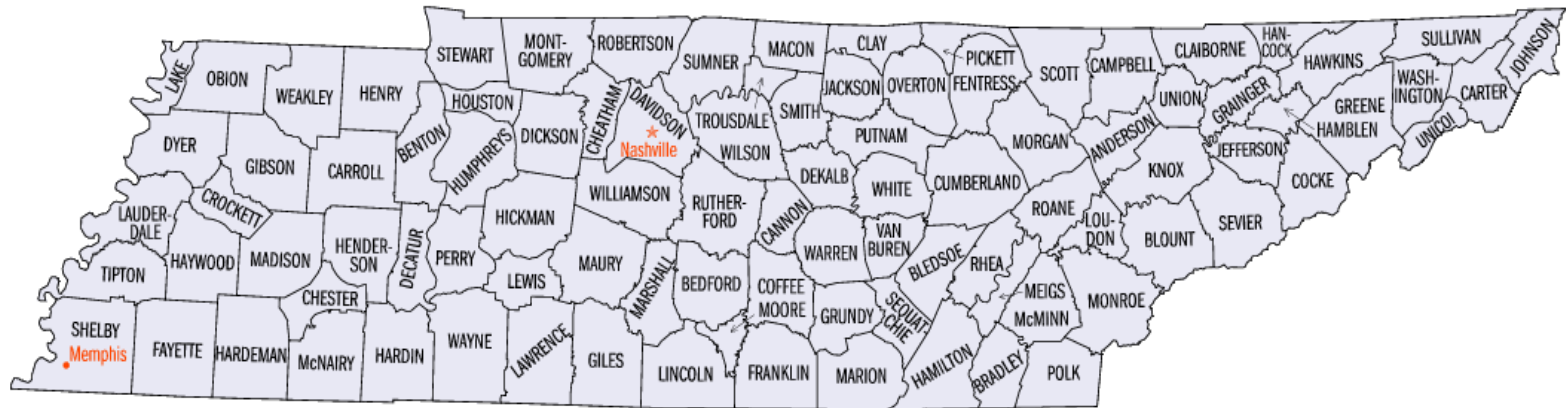
# DBE Program Basics

- Governing US DOT Regulation
  - 49 CFR Part 26 and Participation by DBEs in Department of Transportation (DOT) Financial Assistance Programs
- MTA & RTA Responsibilities
  - Establish Overall Goals (every three years)
  - Determine Contract Goals
  - Certification
    - Performed as part of the TNUCP
  - Monitoring and Enforcement
  - Reporting

# Establishing Overall Goals

- 49 CFR 26.45 requires transit agencies to set overall DBE goals for FTA-funded projects.
- Overall goals must be based on demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing and able DBEs relative to all businesses ready, willing and able to participate in the transit agency's FTA-funded contract opportunities.
- Goal must reflect the level of DBE participation MTA & RTA would expect absent the effects of discrimination.
- Development of future goals considers previous attainments.

# Local Market Area



Davidson  
Montgomery  
Sumner  
Rutherford  
Williamson  
Wilson

# DBE Goal Setting Process

Goal-setting is a two-step process:

1. Establish a base figure based on the relative availability of DBEs to participate in FTA & RTA FTA-funded projects.
2. Make any necessary adjustments to the base figure based on local market conditions.



# Step 1 - Calculating the Base

## Figure

- The goal focuses on the participation of DBEs in FTA-funded contracts that will be awarded over the next three federal fiscal years.
- Potential projects are forecasted three years into the future.
- This provides a “best estimate” of potential contracting activity and opportunities.

# Projected FTA-Funded Projects

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Design Services for Shelter Expansions  
Construction Services - CEI  
Construction Services - CA  
Design Services  
Nestor Facility Plan/Limitations Study  
Nestor Sewer Repair Design  
Nestor Sewer Repair Construction Admin  
Nestor Civil Site Repairs  
Nestor Civil Site Repairs Construction Admin  
North Nashville Design  
North Nashville Real Estate (RENT)  
North Nashville CEI  
North Nashville Construction Admin  
Hillsboro Design & Construction Admin  
Hillsboro CEI  
  
Paratransit/MOD scheduling/dispatch upgrade  
Cisco Telephone System  
Cisco Telephone System - Trapeze IVR  
Cisco Telephone System - TeleOpti  
P-25 Project (Radio Communications)  
Planning Consultant - nMotion Strategic Plan Update\*  
Market Research & Survey - Origin Destination  
On-board Survey

## CONSTRUCTION

Sidewalk Upgrades  
  
Shelter expansion projects  
  
Fairgrounds Shelters  
Escalator Remodification (CARES ACT)  
Nestor Security Shelter  
HVAC Rehab & PM  
Plumbing Rehab & PM  
Roofing Rehab & PM  
Lot Rehab & PM  
Washbay Rehab & PM  
Elevator Rehab & PM  
Nestor Sewer Repair  
Nestor Lot/Facility Improvements  
North Nashville Transit Center  
Hillsboro Transit Center

# Projected FTA-Funded Projects

## MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT

Sign and Post Purchases

Shelter, Bench, Trashcan Purchases

Radios

WiFi Tablets

Maintenance Parts

North Nashville Owner Furnished Items (signage, maps, etc.)

N. Nashville Owner Furnished IT

Hillsboro Owner Furnished IT

Hillsboro Owner Furnished Items

Cisco Telephone - Systems

State of Good Repair

P -25 Project

M & S Bus Maintenance

Bus Parts

Body on Chassis Parts

# Base Figure

DBE Firms

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- In the six county market area
- Listed in TNUCP directory
- In relevant NAICS codes

All Firms

- In the six county market area
- From US Census County Business Patterns data
- In relevant NAICS codes

**TABLE 2. DBE AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS**

	NAICS CODE	PROJECT	NUMBER OF DBES AVAILABLE TO PERFORM WORK	NUMBER OF ALL FIRMS AVAILABLE (INCLUDING DBES)	RELATIVE AVAILABILITY
1	236220	General Contractors	20	215	0.0930
2	237110	Water & Sewer Construction/Utilities	6	51	0.1176
3	237130	Power & Data Utilities	3	32	0.0938
4	237310	Traffic and Bike Lane Painting	22	34	0.6471
5	237990	Construction Management, mass transit	5	8	0.6250
6	238110	Concrete & Asphalt Work	20	110	0.1818
7	238120	Structural Steel	4	20	0.2000
8	238140	Masonry	3	72	0.0417
9	238160	Roofing	3	97	0.0309
10	238190	Building Exterior Construction	4	11	0.3636
11	238210	Electrical Work	8	362	0.0221
12	238220	HVAC/Plumbing	6	253	0.0237
13	238290	Building Equipment Contractors	1	41	0.0244
14	238320	Painting	8	122	0.0656
15	TTOT	Finishes/Millwork	2	119	0.0168
16	238910	Excavating, Wrecking, Demolition	13	170	0.0765
17	332312	Shelters - Prefabricated	2	16	0.1250
18	336211	Body on Chassis Cutaways	0	0	0.0000
19	336390	Bus and Cutaway Parts	0	0	0.0000
20	339950	Signs	2	36	0.0556
21	423430	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers	9	40	0.2250
22	443142	Radios/Wifi Tablets	1	109	0.0092
23	541330	Engineering Services	15	271	0.0554
24	541370	Surveying Services	3	43	0.0698
25	541512	Paratransit/MOD Scheduling	4	51	0.0784
26	541614	Paratransit/dispatch upgrade	0	0	0.0000
27	541910	Planning Consultant-nMotion Plan Upgra	1	22	0.0455
28	561990	Maintenance of Traffic	3	46	0.0652
29	925120	Planning Consultant	0	0	0.0000
30		Rent			
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>0.0715</b>

**TABLE 3. DBE GOAL ANALYSIS**

	NAICS CODE	PROJECT	WEIGHT	X	AVAILABILITY	WEIGHTED BASE FIGURE
1	236220	General Contractors	0.0118		0.0930	0.0011
2	237110	Water & Sewer Construction/Utilities	0.0094		0.1176	0.0011
3	237130	Power & Data Utilities	0.0048		0.0938	0.0005
4	237310	Traffic and Bike Lane Painting	0.0078		0.6471	0.0050
5	237990	Construction Management, mass transit	0.0254		0.6250	0.0159
6	238110	Concrete & Asphalt Work	0.1078		0.1818	0.0196
7	238120	Structural Steel	0.0184		0.2000	0.0037
8	238140	Masonry	0.0034		0.0417	0.0001
9	238160	Roofing	0.0365		0.0309	0.0011
10	238190	Building Exterior Construction	0.0100		0.3636	0.0036
11	238210	Electrical Work	0.0103		0.0221	0.0002
12	238220	HVAC/Plumbing	0.0264		0.0237	0.0006
13	238290	Building Equipment Contractors	0.0480		0.0244	0.0012
14	238320	Painting	0.0020		0.0656	0.0001
15	238350	Finishes/Millwork	0.0041		0.0168	0.0001
16	238910	Excavating, Wrecking, Demolition	0.0989		0.0765	0.0076
17	332312	Shelters - Prefabricated	0.0172		0.1250	0.0021
18	336211	Body on Chassis Cutaways	0.0313		0.0000	0.0000
19	336390	Bus and Cutaway Parts	0.2628		0.0000	0.0000
20	339950	Signs and Posts	0.0070		0.0556	0.0004
21	423430	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers	0.0678		0.2250	0.0153
22	443142	Radios/Wifi Tablets	0.0018		0.0092	0.0000
23	541330	Engineering Services	0.0462		0.0554	0.0026
24	541370	Surveying Services	0.0110		0.0698	0.0008
25	541512	Paratransit/MOD Scheduling	0.0608		0.0784	0.0048
26	541614	Paratransit/dispatch upgrade	0.0152		0.0000	0.0000
27	541910	Planning Consultant-nMotion Plan Upgrade	0.0125		0.0455	0.0006
28	561990	Maintenance of Traffic	0.0041		0.0652	0.0003
29	925120	Planning Consultant	0.0161		0.0000	0.0000
30		Rent	0.0211		0.0000	0.0000
			1.0000		0.0715	0.0883
					Expressed as a % (*100)	<b>8.83%</b>
					Rounded, Weighted Base Figure:	<b>9%</b>

# Weighted Base Figure

9 % Goal

# Step 2 – Adjust Base Figure

## Past participation:

2015 - 5%

2016 - 20%

2017 - 100%

2018 - 19%

2019 - 5%

## Historical median:

(5, 5, 19, 20, 100,) = 19%

Base Figure:

9%

Sum:

28%

**DBE GOAL:**

28% / 2 = **14%**





# Projecting Race-Neutral/Race Conscious Split

- Once the overall goal is established, MTA & RTA must project what part of the goal it anticipates achieving race-neutrally (i.e., no DBE goals set on agreements/contracts) and what portion it anticipates achieving race-consciously (i.e., setting a goal).
- Based on past participation, for its 2021-2023 goal, MTA projects attaining 5% race neutrally and 9% race- consciously.

# Proposed Overall Goal for MTA & RTA FY 2021 – FY2023

MTA projects to spend approximately \$27 million in FTA funds for professional services, construction and equipment/materials.

5% race neutral and 9% race- conscious

RTA projects to spend approximately \$6.5 million in FTA funds for professional services, construction and equipment/materials.

0% race neutral and 3% race conscious

# Public Participation

- MTA & RTA are required to communicate with the public in two ways:
  - Consultative process with stakeholders
  - Publishing of goal on its website
- Please send any additional comments on the goalsetting methodology by September 16, 2020 to [WeGoBusiness@Nashville.gov](mailto:WeGoBusiness@Nashville.gov)

# Nashvillemta.org

The screenshot displays the NashvilleMTA website interface. At the top left is the **WeGo Public Transit** logo. To its right are buttons for **Mobile Site** and **Transit Tix Log In**, along with a link for **Not a member? Sign up.** and a search bar. A purple navigation bar contains links for **About Us**, **Access**, **Bus Services**, **Customer Care**, and **Projects**. The **About Us** dropdown menu is open, listing: **Code of Conduct**, **Board of Directors**, **Executive Staff**, **Information Requests**, **Contact Us**, **History**, **Employment Center**, **Doing Business** (with a sub-menu for **Overview**, **Current Opportunities**, and **Awarded Contracts**), **ADA/Civil Rights**, and **Financial Information**. Below the navigation bar, a red banner reads **Modified service levels effective June 15, 2020.** A large blue banner features the text **PENSION PLAN**. At the bottom, there are buttons for **MAPS** and **PLAN TRIP**, and a row of silhouettes of people in business attire.

# Questions and Discussion