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Overall DBE Goal

FFY 2026 - 2028

PROPOSED TRIENNIAL FFY 2026-2028 DBE GOAL

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PROPOSED TRIENNIAL FFY26-28 DBE GOAL

Introduction

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.45, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) presents its overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and Goal-Setting Methodology for the Federal triennial period of fiscal years 2026 through 2028. The purpose of the DBE goal-setting process is to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of FTA-assisted contracts, to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for those contracts and to ensure the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law.

Background

The RTC was formed in July 1979 as a result of legislation approved by the Nevada Legislature, which consolidated the Regional Street and Highway Commission, the Regional Transit Commission, and the Washoe County Area Transportation Study Policy Committee.

According to 49 CFR 26.45(a), FTA recipients who reasonably anticipate awarding more than \$250,000 in FTA funds in prime contracts in a federal fiscal year must develop overall goals for DBE participation in FTA-assisted contracts once every three years. RTC is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds in excess of \$250,000. As a condition of receiving this financial assistance, RTC must, therefore, comply with the FTA's DBE goal requirements. RTC's FFY 2026–2028 overall DBE goal captures the opportunities for DBE participation in FTA-assisted contracts.

1. Summary

The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) has determined that the overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2026–2028 is **0.55%** of the federal monies it will expend in Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-assisted contracts. RTC estimates that, in meeting its 0.55% overall goal, 0.06% will be obtained through race/gender-neutral measures and 0.49% through race/gender-conscious participation.

2. FFY 2026–2028 FTA-Assisted Projects

RTC made its FFY 2026–2028 FTA-funded contract projections by first assessing the federal funds it currently has remaining in each of the active FTA grants it manages. RTC then determined where, within those active grants, potential contract awards exist during the FFY 2026–2028 triennial period. Through this analysis, RTC anticipates that it will award FTA-funded contracts during the FFY 2026–2028 triennial period as listed in Table 1 below:

Transportation projects that were funded by FTA but awarded in previous years were not included for consideration in this goal-setting methodology. TVM Vehicle purchases (FTA approved manufacturers) and reimbursements for salaries and overhead are not available for DBE contracts and are excluded from the DBE goal calculation.

Table 1 displays the anticipated projects with subcontracting opportunities currently planned for award during fiscal years 2026 through 2028:

Table 1 - ANTICIPATED PROJECTS	
Project Name	FTA Assistance
Sutro Generator (2)	\$1,200,000
Villanova Facility Repairs/Improvements	\$752,000
Terminal Facility Repairs/Improvements	\$320,000
Transit Centers Repairs/Improvements	\$800,000
Virginia Line BRT Expansion	\$6,460,126
Meadowood Transit Center Construction	\$4,800,000
Fleet & Fleet Related Projects	\$540,000
Bus Stop Amenities	\$620,000
All Facilities Improvements	\$1,713,600
Software & Hardware Upgrades	\$1,175,000
Shop Equipment (Hydrogen)	\$40,000
Total	\$20,510,726

Next, RTC staff evaluated the possible subcontracting opportunities within these larger projects. Table 2 displays the actual categories of work that will be available during FFY 2026–2028, the appropriate six-digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, and their respective cost estimates. RTC believes that these trade classifications accurately reflect where opportunities, both prime and subcontracting, truly exist for DBE participation during the FFY 2026-2028 triennial period.

Table 2 – RTC PROJECT LIST/BY TRADE (WORK SCOPE)/ANTICIPATED FUNDS			
Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$ (FTA Funds)
Sutro Generator (2)	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$200,000.00
	Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423610	\$370,000.00
	Civil Engineering Construction	237990	\$400,000.00
	Engineering Services	541330	\$230,000.00
Total Project			\$1,200,000
Villanova Facility Repairs/Improvements			
HVAC IT Room	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$8,000
	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$24,000
HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$80,000
Charger Replacement	Engineering Services Industry	541330	\$640,000
Total Project			\$752,000

Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$ (FTA Funds)
Terminal Boiler Replacement	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$225,250
	Mechanical Design	541330	\$49,500
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$45,250
Total Project			\$320,000

Transit Center Repairs/Improvements			
4SS Replace Revolving Doors	Other Building Equipment Contractors	238290	\$160,000
4SS HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioner Contractor	238220	\$80,000
4SS Remodel Public Restrooms	Finish Carpentry Contractors	238220	\$28,000
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$18,000
	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238350	\$12,000
	Flooring Contractors	238330	\$10,000
4SS New Roof	Roofing Contractors	238160	\$400,000
CP HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioner Contractor	238220	\$80,000
CP Security Gates	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$12,000
Total Project			\$800,000

Virginia Line BRT Expansion	Dump trucking (e.g. gravel, sand, top-soil).	484220	\$382,589
	Highway, Street and Bridge Construction	237310	\$3,481,511
	Landscaping Services	561730	\$20,443
	Maintenance of Traffic	561990	\$650,273
	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	238110	\$124,603
	Site Preparation Contractors	238910	\$1,154,620
	Structural Steel and Precase Concrete Contractors	238120	\$176,878
	Water & Sewer Line and related structures	237110	\$429,005
	Welders	333992	\$40,204
Total Project			\$6,460,126

Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$ (FTA Funds)
Meadowood Transit Center Upgrade	Consultant - Architectural Services	541310	\$830,000
	Consultant - Engineering Services	541330	\$1,310,000
	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	238110	\$180,000
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$260,000
	Site Preparation Contractors	238910	\$21,780
	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	238990	\$1,108,220
	Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing	332311	\$78,000
	Utility Line Construction	237130	\$92,000
	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	236220	\$135,000
	Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423610	\$160,000
	Welders	333992	\$45,000
	Street Cleaning	488490	\$20,000
	Equipment Rental (except crane), construction, with operator	238910	\$250,000
	Dump trucking (e.g. gravel, sand, top-soil).	484220	\$80,000
Landscaping Services	561730	\$230,000	
Total Project			\$4,800,000
Fleet & Fleet Related Projects			
RIDE - Bus Monitor Displays	Indoor & Outdoor Display Advertising	541850	60,000
RIDE - Bus CAD AVL Units	Computer Systems Design Services	541512	480,000
Total Project			\$540,000
Bus Stop Amenities			
Passenger Amenities (shelters)	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction	236220	220,000
ADA Bus Stop Improvements (shelters)	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction	236220	400,000
Total Project			\$620,000
All Facilities Improvements			
LED Lighting	Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring	238210	113,600
Camera Replacement - All Facilities	Security Systems Services	561621	1,600,000
Total Project			\$1,713,600

Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$ (FTA Funds)
Software & Hardware Upgrades			
Tape Library Replacement	Electronic & Precision Equipment Repair & Maintenance	811210	20,000
Bus Camera Upgrade	Security Systems Services	561621	1,000,000
CISCO Swith Repacements	Computer Systems Design Services	541512	\$45,000
SAN Storage Replacement -Terminal Building	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers	423430	\$75,000
GFI Cloud Conversion with Genfare	Data Processing, Hosting & Related Services	518210	\$35,000
Total Project			\$1,175,000
Shop Equipment (Hydrogen related)	Industrial Machinery & Equipment Mechant Wholesalers	423830	\$40,000
CMAQ - FlexRIDE Operating	Special Needs Transportation	485991	\$2,090,000
Total Projects 2026 - 2028			\$20,510,726

3. Local Market Area Determination

RTC finds most of its contractors and subcontractors in the following jurisdictions of Northern Nevada:

- Carson City, a Consolidated Municipality
- Churchill County
- Douglas County
- Lyon County
- Storey County, and
- Washoe County

Thus, RTC has determined that these cities and counties represent our local market area.

4. Methodology

According to federal guidance, the overall DBE goal 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 on a federal recipient's FTA-assisted contracts. The goal must reflect its determination of the level of DBE participation it would expect absent the effects of discrimination.

In determining its overall goal, RTC strictly followed federal guidance. The following steps outline the methodology used:

4.1 Step One: Base Figure Determination (49 CFR 26.45(c))

During Step One of the goal-setting process, RTC calculated a base figure for the relative availability of DBE firms that are ready, willing and able to compete for the FTA-assisted contracts that RTC intends to award during FFY 2026–2028.

Base Figure Formula

Federal guidance provides the following formula for determining the base figure percentage of ready, willing and able DBE firms for FTA-assisted contracts:

Step 1 - Determine a Base Figure representing the Relative Availability of DBEs

and

Step 2 - Examine data to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the Base Figure

The following steps were used to calculate the relative availability of DBEs:

- The Nevada Unified Certification Program (NUCP) DBE Directory is the source of data used to identify the DBE firms that are ready, willing and able to bid. The Directory provides an all-inclusive list of DBE firms which have been certified by NDOT. The link to the NUCP database is: <http://nevadadbe.com/dbe-vendors>.
- The United States Census Bureau County Business Patterns database is the source of data used to identify all firms (both DBE and non-DBE) for each NAICS category that are ready, willing and able to bid. The data can be found at: <https://factfinder.census.gov/> and was collected on the thirty-two (32) industry classifications identified in Tables 2 and 3. There were four classifications in which no businesses were found.
- In order to ensure an apples-to-apples comparison between the NUCP DBE Directory and the Census database, RTC only included certified DBE firms located within its local market/geographic area.
- RTC then divided the number of DBE firms identified for each NAICS works category that are ready, willing and able to bid on the contracts RTC intends to award during FFY 2026–2028 by the number of all firms (DBE and non-DBE) that are also ready, willing and able to bid.

Table 3 below represents the results:

Table 3 – DBE AVAILABILITY				
Trade Classification	NAICS	Census # Firms	NDOT Directory # of firms	*DBE % Dir/Census
Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	236220	112	1	1%
Water & Sewer Line and related structures	237110	245	0	0%
Utility Line Construction	237130	9	1	11%
Highway, Street and Bridge Construction	237310	17	0	0%
Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	237990	6	0	0%
Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	238110	50	0	0%
Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Contractors	238120	13	0	0%
Roofing Contractors	238160	61	0	0%
Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	214	3	1%
Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	246	0	0%
Other Building Equipment Contractors	238290	13	0	0%
Flooring Contractors	238330	51	0	0%
Finish Carpentry Contractors	238350	74	0	0%
Site Preparation Contractors	238910	115	1	1%
All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	238990	107	3	3%
Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing	332311	0	0	0%
Welders	333992	0	0	0%
Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers	423430	6	0	0%
Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423610	38	1	3%
Industrial Machinery & Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423830	51	0	0%
Dump trucking (e.g. gravel, sand, top-soil).	484220	69	3	4%
Street Cleaning	488490	4	0	0%
Special Needs Transportation	485991	0	0	0%
Data Processing, Hosting & Related Services	518210	46	0	0%
Consultant - Architectural Services	541310	38	0	0%
Consultant - Engineering Services	541330	220	3	1%
Computer Systems Design Services	541512	121	1	1%
Indoor & Outdoor Display Advertising	541850	6	0	0%
Security Systems Services	561621	11	0	0%
Landscaping Services	561730	328	3	1%
Maintenance of Traffic	561990	21	0	0%
Electronic & Precision Equipment Repair & Maintenance	811210	0	0	0%
Combined Totals		2292	20	0.87%

* Note: The % was obtained by dividing the current DBE directory # of firms by the most recent (2023) census # of firms

$$\text{Base Figure} = \frac{\sum (\text{Number of Ready, Willing and Able DBEs})}{(\text{Number of All Ready, Willing and Able Firms})} \times \text{weighted ratio}$$

For the Numerator: NDOT UPC Database of Certified Firms

For the denominator: 2023 U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns Database

Step One Base Figure = 20 DBEs / 2292 Census Total of all Firms
= .0087
= 0.87%

The Step One Base Figure calculated is **0.87%**, which indicates that there are 0.87% ready, willing and able DBEs in RTC’s market area to perform work in each selected NAICS code.

Weighting

Federal guidance suggests that weighting can help ensure that the **Step One Base Figure** is as accurate as possible. RTC weighted the **Step One Base Figure** of 0.87% by incorporating the amount of estimated FTA-assistance that will be spent under each NAICS code. The weight was determined by dividing the estimated amount of FTA dollars per NAICS by the total amount of FTA dollars per NAICS. RTC then multiplied the weight by the respective relative availability of DBEs in each NAICS category. This produced the weighted availability of DBE firms for each NAICS category. The weighted availability of DBE firms in all NAICS categories was then added to determine the total weighted availability of DBEs, which is **0.62%**. Table 4 below represents this data:

Table 4 – DBE \$ BASED ON PROJECT EXPENDITURES BY TRADE CLASSIFICATION X DBE AVAILABILITY					
Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$	DBE	DBE
			(FTA Funds)	Availability	Dollars
Sutro Generator (2)	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$200,000.00	1.0%	\$2,000
	Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423610	\$370,000.00	1.0%	\$3,700
	Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	237990	\$400,000.00	0.0%	\$0
	Engineering Services	541330	\$230,000.00	1.0%	\$2,300
Total Project			\$1,200,000	0.7%	\$8,000
Villanova Facility Repairs/Improvements					
HVAC IT Room	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$8,000	1.0%	\$80
	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$24,000	0.0%	\$0
HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$80,000	0.0%	\$0
Charger Replacement	Engineering Services Industry	541330	\$640,000	1.0%	\$6,400
Total Project			\$752,000	0.86%	\$6,480

Terminal Boiler Replacement	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$225,250	0%	\$0
	Mechanical Design	541330	\$49,500	1%	\$495
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$45,250	1%	\$453
Total Project			\$320,000	0.30%	\$948

Transit Center Repairs/Improvements					
4SS Replace Revolving Doors	Other Building Equipment Contractors	238290	\$160,000	0%	\$0
4SS HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioner Contractor	238220	\$80,000	0%	\$0

4SS Remodel Public Restrooms	Finish Carpentry Contractors	238350	\$12,000	0%	\$0
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$18,000	1%	\$180
	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioning Contractor	238220	\$28,000	0%	\$0
	Flooring Contractors	238330	\$10,000	0%	\$0
Total Project			\$68,000	0%	\$180

4SS New Roof	Roofing Contractors	238160	\$400,000	0%	\$0
CP HVAC Controls	Plumbing, Heater, and Air Conditioner Contractor	238220	\$80,000	0%	\$0
CP Security Gates	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$12,000	1%	\$120
Total Project			\$800,000	0.04%	\$300

Virginia Line BRT Expansion	Dump trucking (e.g. gravel, sand, top-soil).	484220	\$382,589	4.0%	\$15,304
	Highway, Street and Bridge Construction	237310	\$3,481,511	0.0%	\$0
	Landscaping Services	561730	\$20,443	1.0%	\$204
	Maintenance of Traffic	561990	\$650,273	0.0%	\$0
	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	238110	\$124,603	0.0%	\$0
	Site Preparation Contractors	238910	\$1,154,620	1.0%	\$11,546
	Structural Steel and Precase Concrete Contractors	238120	\$176,878	0.0%	\$0
	Water & Sewer Line and related structures	237110	\$429,005	0.0%	\$0
	Welders	333992	\$40,204	0.0%	\$0
Total Project			\$6,460,126	0.42%	\$27,054

Meadowood Transit Center Upgrade (Construction)	Consultant - Architectural Services	541310	\$830,000	0.0%	\$0
	Consultant - Engineering Services	541330	\$1,310,000	1.0%	\$13,100
	Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors	238110	\$180,000	0.0%	\$0
	Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors	238210	\$260,000	0.0%	\$0
	Site Preparation Contractors	238910	\$21,780	1.0%	\$218
	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	238990	\$1,108,220	3.0%	\$33,247
	Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing	332311	\$78,000	0.0%	\$0
	Utility Line Construction	237130	\$92,000	11.0%	\$10,120
	Commercial and Institutional Building Construction	236220	\$135,000	1.0%	\$1,350
	Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers	423610	\$160,000	3.0%	\$4,800
	Welders	333992	\$45,000	0.0%	\$0
	Street Cleaning	488490	\$20,000	0.0%	\$0
	Equipment Rental (except crane), construction, with operator	238910	\$250,000	1.0%	\$2,500
	Dump trucking (e.g. gravel, sand, topsoil).	484220	\$80,000	4.0%	\$3,200
	Landscaping Services	561730	\$230,000	1.0%	\$2,300
Total Project			\$4,800,000	1.48%	\$70,834
Fleet & Fleet Related Projects					
RIDE - Bus Monitor Displays	Indoor & Outdoor Display Advertising	541850	60,000	0.0%	\$0
RIDE - Bus CAD AVL Units	Computer Systems Design Services	541512	480,000	1.0%	\$4,800
Total Project			\$540,000	0.89%	\$4,800
Bus Stop Amenities					
Passenger Amenities (shelters)	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction	236220	220,000	1.0%	\$2,200
ADA Bus Stop Improvements (shelters)	Commercial & Institutional Building Construction	236220	400,000	1.0%	\$4,000
Total Project			\$620,000	1.0%	\$6,200
All Facilities Improvements					
LED Lighting	Electrical Contractors & Other Wiring	238210	113,600	1.0%	\$1,136
Camera Replacement - All Facilities	Security Systems Services	561621	1,600,000	0.0%	\$0
Total Project			\$1,713,600	0.07%	\$1,136

Software & Hardware Upgrades					
Tape Library Replacement	Electronic & Precision Equipment Repair & Maintenance	811210	20,000	0.0%	\$0
Bus Camera Upgrade	Security Systems Services	561621	1,000,000	0.0%	\$0
CISCO Switch Repacements	Computer Systems Design Services	541512	\$45,000	1.0%	\$450
SAN Storage Replacement - Terminal Building	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Merchant Wholesalers	423430	\$75,000	0.0%	\$0
GFI Cloud Conversion with Genfare	Data Processing, Hosting & Related Services	518210	\$35,000	0.0%	\$0
Total Project			\$1,175,000	0.04%	\$450
Shop Equipment (Hydrogen related)	Industrial Machinery & Equipment Mechant Wholesalers	423830	\$40,000	0.0%	\$0
CMAQ - FlexRIDE Operating	Special Needs Transportation	485991	\$2,090,000	0.0%	\$0
Total Projects 2026 - 2028			\$20,510,726	0.62%	\$126,202

Given the above, RTC is using **0.62%** as the base figure for Step One.

4.2 Step Two: Base Figure Adjustment (49 CFR 26.45(d))

As set forth in 49 CFR 26.45(d), once a federal recipient (RTC) has calculated a base figure, it must examine all of the evidence available in its jurisdiction to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the base figure to arrive at its overall goal.

During Step Two of the goal-setting process, RTC considered several factors to determine if an adjustment to the Step One Base Figure is necessary. These factors included the following:

- The current capacity of DBEs to perform work in RTC's FTA-assisted contract opportunities, as measured by the volume of work DBEs have performed in recent years
- Review of RTC's Bidders List data
- Evidence from disparity studies conducted in RTC's market area
- Evidence from related fields that affect the opportunities for DBEs to form, grow and compete

4.2.1 Past Participation

Federal guidance states that the first step in adjusting the Step One Base Figure for past participation is to determine the "median" past participation percentage. The median, as opposed to the average, is recommended because the process of determining the median excludes all outliers (abnormally high or abnormally low past participation percentages).

Total DBE participation for the three (3) fiscal years has been calculated at \$115,929 which is 0.49% of the combined contract amounts of \$23,672,604.

The following information will provide the history of DBE participation for each of these years:

Table 5 - Historic DBE Participation			
Fiscal Year	Total \$	DBE \$	DBE %
2024	3,723,923.34	20,419.94	0.55%
2023	10,407,357.14	48,317.66	0.46%
2022	\$9,541,324	\$47,191	0.49%
Total	\$23,672,604	\$115,929	
		Median	0.49%

The base figure has been adjusted in consideration of the fact that past participation and the median goal represent projects similar to projects to be undertaken in the forthcoming triennial period.

RTC then added the weighted base figure of 0.62% to the median of the past three years 0.49%, and divided that figure by 2 to get the average:

$$\text{Step 1 Base Goal of } 0.62\% + \text{Median Past Participation of } 0.49\% = 1.11\%$$

$$1.11\% \div 2 = 0.55\%$$

We, therefore, propose the overall goal for the period beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2028 at **0.55%**.

4.2.2 Disparity Studies

Between 2015 and 2017, RTC was part of a Disparity Study conducted by BBC Research & Consulting on behalf of RTC, RTC of Southern Nevada, McCarran International Airport, and Reno-Tahoe International Airport. The disparity study was not adopted by RTC as the availability calculated was not weighted based on the types of projects and the majority of firms listed in the trades utilized by RTC were not certified as DBEs and may not have qualified based on a study of State Business Licenses and Contractor's Licenses. RTC is not aware of any current disparity studies within this jurisdiction and/or market area to consider in this step of the goal setting analysis.

4.2.3 Bidders List

RTC's bidders list does not provide sufficient data to date to justify an adjustment to the Base Figure. Bidders List information will continue to be collected on future procurements for the potential use in future DBE goal determinations.

4.2.4 Other Available Evidence

RTC is not in possession of other information that would have an impact on the DBE goal assessment.

In consideration of the above factors, RTC adjusted its Step One Base Figure DBE Goal to **0.55%**.

5. Race-Neutral versus Race-Conscious Goal

During the prior goal period, it was determined that the median overall participation was 0.49%. This resulted in a median accomplishment of .00% race-neutral participation and a median accomplishment of .49% race-conscious participation. The actual percentage of DBE participation achieved in 2024 was .5483%. Based on the median race neutral participation for the preceding three years (.49%) divided by actual DBE participation from the most recent year (.5483%), the resulting weight (0.8937) was applied to our overall adjusted goal (0.55%) to determine the race-neutral portion (0.06) split of our goal. The remaining portion of the goal (0.49%) will be achieved using race-conscious measures (i.e. contract goals.)

We will monitor participation on an ongoing basis and revise the race-neutral/race-conscious division of the goal if we are unable to meet the goal using race-neutral measures.

Race-neutral methods to be utilized to achieve our goals will include the following:

- a) On prime contracts not having DBE contract goals, encouraging prime contractors to provide subcontracting opportunities of a size that small businesses, including DBEs, can reasonably perform, rather than self-performing all the work involved.
- b) Ensuring that a reasonable number of prime contracts are of a size that small businesses, including DBEs, can reasonably perform such that RTC meets the portion of its overall goal through race-neutral measures.
- c) Advise its contracting community of the online directory of certified DBEs through the [Nevada Unified Certification Program \(NUCP\)](#), and of the availability of the [Emerging Small Business](#) directory.
- d) Notify small business organizations to make them aware of How to Do Business with RTC.
- e) Place upcoming contracting opportunities on the RTC's website under the "[Doing Business With Us](#)" page on its solicitation platform [Procurement](#).
- f) Provide information and refer small businesses interested in DBE certification to NDOT's website to access a list of UCP agencies that provide certification services and non-certification services throughout the State of Nevada.

6. Public Participation

In accordance with 49 CFR part 26, section 26.45, the DBE Goal and Methodology has been published on the RTCWC Website (<http://www.rtcwashoe.com>). In addition, RTC conducted a consultative meeting with minority, women's and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials on September 22, 2025. These organizations may be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the RTCWC's efforts to establish a level playing field for participation. The announcement notifying the public of the meeting was published on the RTC website, in the [RTC September 2025 News](#), and was emailed to the following special interest groups.

Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce	Info@TheChamberNV.org
Nevada Hispanic Business Group	nvhbginfo@gmail.com
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce	info@carsonvalleynv.org
Fernley Chamber of Commerce	fernleychamber@sbcglobal.net
Dayton Chamber of Commerce	daytonnvchamber@gmail.com
Silver Springs Chamber of Commerce	silverspringschamber@gmail.com
Reno Nevada Small Business Development Center	admin@nevadasbdc.org scorennv@gmail.com
Nevada Women’s Business Center	ktaylor@NevadaBOF.org
Nevada Associated General Contractors	info@nevadaagc.org
NDOT	tlewis@dot.nv.gov
Nevada Economic Development and Export	success@diversifynevada.com
Silver Flume Nevada’s Business Portal	Support@nvsilverflume.gov
Women’s Chamber of Commerce of Nevada	Wccnv2@womenschamberofnevada.org
NV Governor’s Office of Economic Development	tatjana.vukovic@goed.nv.gov Jim Hamoy (esbprogram@goed.nv.gov)
Melissa Saavedra Office of Small Business Advocacy	MelissaSaavedra@ltgov.nv.gov
https://blackwallstreetreno.org/	heatedonsight@yahoo.com

UPDATE IF ANY NEW COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED:

PROPOSED TRIENNIAL FY 2026-2028 DBE GOAL



THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SETS TRIENNIAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2026-2028

Reno, Nevada (August 29, 2025) – The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) has established a proposed overall goal of 0.55% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028.

This goal is based on the anticipated availability of federally assisted contracting opportunities, historical DBE participation, and the relative availability of ready, willing, and able DBE firms for the types of projects RTC is expected to let between October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028.

To learn more about RTC’s proposed goal and how the goal was set, a public presentation is being held online on Monday, September 22 at 1 p.m.

[Click here to access the online meeting](#)

The proposed DBE goal and information about RTC’s DBE Program are available for inspection at <https://rtcwashoe.com/about/doing-business-with-us/> .

Public comments regarding the proposed goal and DBE Program will be accepted for 30 days following the date of this notice.

Comments may be submitted in writing to Jennifer Meyers, Contracts Administrator/DBELO at jmeyers@rtcwashoe.com or by phone to 775.332.9513.

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About RTC: *The Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County, Nevada serves the citizens of Reno, Sparks and unincorporated areas of Washoe County. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region, the RTC provides leadership in planning and implements quality transportation systems to meet the community’s present and future transportation needs. For more information about RTC projects visit rtcwashoe.com and sign up for email updates using MyRTC or call (775) 348-0400. Follow RTC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).*

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7. Conclusion

In conclusion, RTC has determined that the overall DBE goal for FFY 2024–2026 is **0.55%** of the federal monies it will expend in FTA-assisted contracts. RTC understands that this goal is only a projection for what it believes it can achieve during FFY 2024–2026. As a result, it will continue to monitor DBE participation during each year to determine whether this projection is on target. This will be done by analyzing the DBE awards and commitments reported to the FTA on a semi-annual basis for actual DBE participation.

If the DBE awards/commitments are less than the overall DBE goal, RTC will develop a written analysis of the shortfall and create a corrective action plan, which will be implemented to remedy the shortfall. Conversely, if the DBE awards/commitments are greater than the overall DBE goal, RTC will reduce or eliminate the use of contract goals to the extent necessary to ensure that the use of contract goals does not result in exceeding the overall goal, as required by Federal guidance. Also, in the event that any significant changes are made to RTC's FTA-assisted contract projections, RTC will re-calculate the overall DBE goal and, if warranted, submit an adjusted overall DBE goal for FTA approval.