

# FACT SHEET

## FTA Overall DBE Goal (FY 2018-2020)

### What is the Broward MPO Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program?

The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (Broward MPO) is dedicated to serving our community, including ensuring nondiscrimination of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in the award and administration of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-assisted contracts. The goals of the program are:

- To remedy past and current discrimination against DBEs.
- To ensure a "level playing field" in which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA-assisted contracts
- To improve the flexibility and efficiency of the DBE program.
- To reduce burdens on small businesses.

### DBE Goal Setting Process

The DOT's national DBE goal is 10%. The Broward MPO's DBE goal is developed based on the agency's specific circumstances. Although there is no minimum DBE goal required, the methodology used to develop the goal is reviewed for agreement and accepted or rejected by FTA.

### FY 2018-2020 FTA Overall DBE Goal

The Broward MPO has calculated an overall **DBE goal of 7%** for fiscal years (FY) 2018-2020, which must be submitted to FTA by August 1, 2017. The goal setting process must include a 30-day public comment period, which extends from June 1-30, 2017. The next update of the Broward MPO's DBE goal is due to FTA no later than August 1, 2020.

### What is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise?

A disadvantaged business enterprise or DBE means a for profit small business concern—

- (1) That is at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and
- (2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

Source: Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26

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**Please turn over for opportunities to participate in the Broward MPO DBE goal setting process and provide input via the DBE Program Assessment Survey!**

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### DBE Program Webinar

Please join the Broward MPO for a webinar on the FY 2018-2020 FTA DBE goal on June 22, 2017 at 2 p.m. EDT. The webinar will include a brief presentation on the goal setting process followed by a Q&A session.

A link to the webinar can be found on the Broward MPO's DBE Program webpage under the "Equal Opportunity" tab at the top of our homepage or directly at <http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/title-vi-dbe>. Please contact Christopher Ryan, Deputy Executive Director, Title VI/DBE Coordinator, at [ryanc@browardmpo.org](mailto:ryanc@browardmpo.org) to receive an email reminder prior to the webinar.

### DBE Program Assessment Survey

The Broward MPO is committed to its DBE Program. To help us determine what services would increase the participation of DBE firms in federal-aid contracts we have developed the DBE Program Assessment Survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey, which can be found on the MPO's DBE Program webpage noted above.

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### Useful Links:

Broward MPO DBE Program:

<http://www.browardmpo.org/index.php/title-vi-dbe>

Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development:

<http://www.broward.org/econdev>

State of Florida Uniform Certification Program Directory:

<https://osd.dms.myflorida.com/directories>

Florida Department of Transportation DBE Directory:

<http://www3b.dot.state.fl.us/EqualOpportunityOfficeBusinessDirectory/CustomSearch.aspx>

Florida Unified Certification Program (UCP) agencies, certification services and non-certification services:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/equalopportunityoffice/DBECertification/UCP%20CERTIFYING%20ADDRESSES%200516.pdf>