

FTA Overall DBE Goal (FYs 2021-2023)

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.

FYs 2021-2023 FTA Overall DBE Goal

The Broward MPO has calculated an overall **DBE goal of 7%** for FYs 2021-2023, which must be submitted to FTA by August 1, 2020.

This is consistent with the current DBE goal of 7%, which expires on July 31, 2020. The goal setting process must include a 30-day public comment period, which extends from June 21 – July 21, 2020. The next update of the Broward MPO's DBE goal is due to FTA no later than August 1, 2023.

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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

https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfr26_main_02.tpl

DBE Program Webinar

Please join the Broward MPO for a webinar on the FY 2021-2023 FTA DBE goal on July 2, 2020 at 1 pm. The webinar will include a brief presentation on the goal setting process followed by a Q&A session.

A link to register for the webinar can be found on the Broward MPO's DBE Program webpage under the "Working with the MPO" tab at the top of our homepage at www.browardmpo.org. Please contact Erica Lychak, Title VI/DBE Coordinator, at lychake@browardmpo.org to for more information.