# FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

#### Transit Vehicle Manufacturers DBE Goal Methodology Independent Assessment







#### **FTA Goal Review Process**

- On August 1, 2014, TVMs submit the FY15 DBE goal methodology to FTA at <u>theresa.robinson.ctr@dot.gov</u>
- □ FTA will either approve the goal and issue a "TVM Certification letter" or identify deficiencies and issue an "In Review letter"
- □ TVMs will be given 60 days to correct all noted deficiencies
- TVMs that do not address all deficiencies within 60 days will receive a "Disapproval letter"
- □ FTA will post approved TVMs on the FTA TVM webpage



#### DBE Goal Methodology Independent Assessment





#### August 1<sup>st</sup> DBE Goal Submission

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### Narrative of each Element + Worksheet for Calculations



## Detailed list of contracting and subcontracting opportunities

- □I have listed all domestic supplies and/or services outsourced when manufacturing my vehicles
  - □I have classified the opportunities by appropriate NAICS codes
    - □ I have avoided using broad NAICS codes
- □I have included the name of the FTA recipients(s) and vehicle procurements I anticipate bidding on in FY15
- □ I have not excluded domestically manufactured "highly technical components" or major systems (e.g., chassis, engines, etc.

□I have excluded the supplies and services performed with my own forces <sup>5</sup>



#### Geographic Market Area(s)

- □I have clearly identified my geographic market area as an individual state, a group of states, or a specific region
- □I have clearly explained how I determined my geographic market area
- □I am confident that my geographic market area represents a substantial majority of my contracting activity
  - □I have considered the geographic location of my largest suppliers or the areas where a large majority of my products are sourced







#### **Step 1 Base Figure**

- I have clearly stated the number of ready, willing, and able **DBEs** located in my geographic market area (by NAICS code)
  I have searched State UCP Directories, FAA dbE-Connect, my bidders list, and other reliable sources to locate DBEs
- □I have clearly stated the number of ready, willing, and able **non-DBEs** located in my geographic market area (by NAICS code)
- □ I have searched Census data, my bidders list, and other reliable sources to locate non-DBEs





#### Step 1 Base Figure cont'd

- □ I have included a calculation that illustrates how I determined the relative availability of DBEs compared to all firms (i.e., DBE goals)
- □I have clearly and consistently stated my DBE goal as the anticipated percentage of funds I will award to DBEs in FY15
- □I have included a narrative explaining the process used to determine my base figure







- □ I have examined disparity studies within my geographic market area, past participation, **and** any other available evidence to determine whether my goal should be adjusted
- □I have explained whether the disparities studies are applicable to my goal
- □I have documented the sources of all additional evidence and provided links where appropriated





#### Step 2 Adjustment cont'd

- □ If I vetted the DBEs used to calculate my goal (i.e., removed DBEs that were unable to perform on my contracts), I used a similar process for vetting non-DBEs as well
- □I have included a narrative explaining the process used to determine whether my goal should be adjusted
  - □ If I adjusted my goal, I thoroughly explained the evidence and reasons for the adjustment; and provided calculations of past participation where appropriate
  - □ If I did not adjust my goal, I thoroughly explained the evidence and the reason for not adjusting the goal





#### **Race-Conscious/Race-Neutral Breakdown**

- □I have clearly stated the percentage of my FY15 goal to be achieved using race-conscious measures
  - □I have explained how I determined the race-conscious percentage
- □I have clearly stated the percentage of my FY15 goal to be achieved using race-neutral measures
- □ I have listed the race-neutral measures to be used throughout FY15
- □I have considered the race-neutral suggestions listed in 49 C.F.R. 26. 51 (b)





#### Sources Used to Establish the Goal

- □I have listed the sources used to locate DBEs and provided links where appropriate
- □I have listed the sources used to locate non-DBEs and provided links where appropriate
- □ I have listed the sources used for my Step 2 adjustment and provided links where appropriate





#### **Evidence of Meaningful Consultation**

- I have actively engaged minority, women, and general contractor organizations to request feedback on my goal methodology, additional DBE resources, and my overall DBE program implementation
- □I have invited DBEs and non-DBE primes and small businesses to discuss contracting opportunities (e.g., host outreach sessions)
- □I have contacted transit agencies (i.e., DBELOs) to request feedback on my goal methodology





#### **Evidence of Meaningful Consultation cont'd**

- □ I have summarized all comments received and explained how these comments impacted my goal
- I have included the names and titles of persons/organizations contacted
- □ I have included photocopies of correspondence sent/received during consultation
- □ I have included meeting minutes and sign-in sheets where applicable
- □ I have included the dates and times of conversations and information gathered during calls





#### **Proof of Publication**

- □ I have published my FY15 goal in at least one general circulation media, one minority-focused media, and one trade publication
- I have accepted comments from the general public for 45 days after the goal notice was published
- I have included all comments received based on the publication and explained how these comments impacted my goal
  - OR, I have clearly stated that I did not receive any comments based on the publication



#### FY2015 Bidding Eligibility Independent Assessment

- 1. Have I submitted a FY15 DBE goal to FTA
  - a. If yes, move to #2
  - b. If no, I am *ineligible* to bid on FTA-assisted FY15 transit vehicle procurements
- 2. Have I received a DBE Goal Approval Letter
  - a. If yes, I am *eligible* to bid on FTA-assisted FY15 transit vehicle procurements
  - b. If not, move to #3



#### FY2015 Bidding Eligibility Independent Assessment

- 3. Have I received a DBE Goal Disapproval Letter
  - a. If yes, I am *ineligible* to bid on FTA-assisted FY15 transit vehicle procurements until otherwise notified
  - b. If not, I am *eligible* to bid on FTA-assisted FY15 transit vehicle procurements



#### Reminders

#### FY2015 Goal Submission

Due: August 1, 2104 to theresa.robinson.ctr@dot.gov

