VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
TRIENNIAL DBE GOAL SETTING METHODOLOGY
(FY 2016-2018)

DBE regulations (49 CFR 26.45) require the establishment of an overall goal based on demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing, and able DBEs relative to all businesses who are ready, willing, and able to participate on DOT assisted contracts. This process begins by determining a base figure for the relative availability of DBEs and then, based on evidence, determining whether the base figure requires adjustments to arrive at an overall goal. These requirements are the basis for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) goal setting methodology.

Overall Goals (49 CFR 26.45)

Amount of goal

DRPT's overall DBE goal for FY 2016-18 is **5.3%** of the federal financial assistance we receive. This goal excludes FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles.

Method

The following is a summary of the method DRPT used to calculate this goal:

The method used to calculate the relative availability of DBEs "base figure" for Step 1 of the process was taken from Example 1 of 49 CFR 26.45, which suggests the use of DBE Directories and Census Bureau Data.

- DRPT determined the number of statewide ready, willing and able DBEs from the State's DBE Directory.

- DRPT examined lists of other Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE/SWAM) organizations throughout the state to determine the availability of additional firms who may be interested in becoming certified as ready, willing and able DBEs if they were alerted to the benefits of the program. In making this determination, DRPT considered two scenarios. The first one assumed that 3% of those potential DBEs would be eligible or qualify for Virginia's DBE certification. The second one took all of the listed MBE/WBE/SWAMs as potential DBEs.

- Using County Business Patterns (CBP) data, DRPT determined the number of businesses available in the regional market that could provide the goods and services that DRPT and its subrecipients project for use in FY 2016-18.

- A base figure for each scenario was derived by dividing the number of DBEs and potential DBEs by the number of all regional businesses. To

tailor the data to DRPT's contracting program for FY2016-18, the relative availability of DBEs was weighted, giving more weight to the categories of work in which DRPT projects expending more money.

- Forty-six and a half percent (46.5%) of federal funds received by DRPT are passed through to subrecipients for vehicle purchases. These vehicle purchase expenditures are reported separately to FTA and are not included in our overall DBE calculation. With this in mind during the goal setting process, DRPT determined that while in theory a large number of DBE businesses seem to be available using specific NAICS codes, the actual DBE businesses which were ready willing and able to work for DRPT and its subrecipients were limited in number since almost half of our federal funding is for vehicles.

1. DRPT DBE Goal Setting Methodology

Step 1: Determining a Base Figure for the Overall Goal

In the final rule making, section 26.45 of 49 CFR Part 26 suggested five methodologies and provided examples for recipients to use as guidelines to set overall goals. DRPT opted to use method number one. This method allows the use of DBE Directories and Census Bureau Data and makes use of the following formula:

$$\text{Step One Base Figure} = \frac{\text{Ready, willing and able DBEs}}{\text{All firms ready, willing and able (including DBEs and non-DBEs)}}$$

This tabulation produced a base figure as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Ready, Willing and Able DBEs for DRPT Business } 250}{\text{All Firms } 2{,}265} = 11.0\,\%$$

DRPT addressed the issue of determining a percentage as accurately as possible by using the same scope of businesses for both the numerator and the denominator. Taking into consideration the Census Bureau's County Business Pattern (CBP) data available, DRPT used data encompassing the entire state.

NAICS Codes used (CBP business number/Virginia Certified DBEs):
236220 (Commercial and Industrial Building Construction) 964 Businesses / 141 DBE
485113 (Bus and other motor vehicle transit systems) 20 Businesses / 3 DBE
485119 (Other urban transit systems) 1 Business / 1 DBE

485210 (Interurban and Rural Bus Transportation) 10 Businesses / 1 DBE
485991 (Special needs transportation) 92 Businesses / 5 DBE
485999 (All other transit and ground passenger transportation) 32 Businesses / 4 DBE
511110 (Newspaper Publishers) 201 Businesses / 0 DBE
511120 (Periodical Publishers) 231 Businesses / 1 DBE
541614 (Transportation Management Consultants) 238 Businesses / 81 DBE
541618 (Other Management Consultant Services) 243 Businesses / 111 DBE
812930 (Parking lots and garages) 233 Businesses / 2 DBE

Total DBE's certified for DRPT/subrecipient work: 250 DBEs

The Numerator

To determine the number of ready, willing and able DBEs, DRPT used the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity's (DSBSD) DBE Directory (DSBSD is the DBE certifying agent for the Commonwealth of Virginia and DRPT utilizes this DBE Directory as its own directory). As suggested in the tips for Goal Setting released by the Office of Small and Disadvantage Business Utilization (OSDBU), DRPT consulted relevant data sources to supplement the data with potential DBEs for the purpose of goal setting only. In doing so, the following Minority Business Entreprise/Women Business Enterprise (SWAM) directory was examined: *VA Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (MBE) Directory (SWAM).* As DRPT was making use of the Statewide directory maintained by another agency, the data was filtered for firms most likely to provide services for DRPT and its subrecipients for FY 2016-18.

DRPT considered a test scenario. With this test scenario the number of potential DBEs ready, willing and able to become certified was filtered, considering that not all of the firms included in the DMBE directory would qualify or be eligible for DBE certification. Using the NAICS Code summary from Scenario 1 as a reference, DRPT assumed that approximately 10% of those registered regional MBE/WBE/SWAM could qualify for the DBE program. Under the second scenario, all of the MBE/WBE/SWAM certified in Virginia were considered as potential DBEs. The resulting number of DBEs (the 10% resulting number of potential DBEs) became the numerator of this formula.

This tabulation produced a base figure as follows:

$$\frac{\text{10\% of All Firms} = 48}{\text{All Firms } 2{,}265} = 2.1\%$$

The Denominator

DRPT derived the denominator from the CBP database. Again, the CBP database was sorted to reflect only those fields in which DRPT intends to contract during

FY2016-18. To do this NAICS codes were carefully examined and matched with the categories of work determined to most likely occur in DRPT's or its subrecipients' federal contracting program for FY2016-18.

Based on most accurate data, we reject this scenario.

Weighting

To tailor the data to DRPT's contracting program for FY2016-18, the relative availability of DBEs was weighted, giving more weight to the categories of work in which DRPT projects expend more money.

In performing this weighting, DRPT staff accounted for the total projected federal expenditures for FY2016-18, and then calculated percentages to be spent per project. These percentages were applied to the ratios obtained when comparing the number of DBEs and potential DBEs to the availability of CBP businesses in each of the business sectors.

Rounded Weighted Base Figure is 17.9%.

DRPT would like to note that the ready, willing and able DBEs available to DRPT and its grantees are relatively low. Also, because in the past we have had more construction type projects and in this three-year period we have only one construction project, the DBEs certified to do the types of work, consulting, and planning we anticipate are not "ready, willing, and able" to compete for our contracts.

Determine the weight of each type of work by NAICS Code:

* Enter all the FTA-assisted projects below. Project amounts should be assigned relevent NAICS Code(s).

	NAICS Code	Project	Amount of DOT funds on project:	% of total DOT funds (weight)
1)	541618	DRPT State Safety oversight Consultant	$93,476.00	0.0608
2)	541618	DRPT Title VI Consultant	$79,817.00	0.0519
3)	541614	DRPT Consultant TDPs	$182,975.00	0.1190
4)	541618	DRPT ADA & Branding Marketing Consultant	$34,640.00	0.0225
5)	541614	DRPT Performance Pilot Program Consultant	$105,418.00	0.0685
6)	236220	Danville Transit System Capital Program	$24,000.00	0.0156
7)	236220	Greene County Transit Capital Program	$6,800.00	0.0044
8)	236220	RADAR Capital Program	$12,000.00	0.0078
9)	236220	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	$400,000.00	0.2601
10)	236220	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	$20,000.00	0.0130
11)	485210	Town of Altavista Capital Program	$9,600.00	0.0062
12)	485210	RADAR Capital Program	$80,000.00	0.0520
13)	485210	AACS/Four County Transit Capital Program	$27,600.00	0.0179
14)	485210	Greene County Transit Capital Program	$9,307.00	0.0061
15)	485210	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	$52,000.00	0.0338
16)	485210	Bay Aging Capital Program	$21,400.00	0.0139
17)	485210	STAR Transit Capital Program	$14,000.00	0.0091
18)	485210	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	$12,000.00	0.0078
19)	485210	Danville Transit System Capital Program	$340,878.00	0.2216
20)	485210	District Three Public Transit Capital Program	$5,280.00	0.0034
21)	485210	Farmville Area Bus Capital Program	$3,040.00	0.0020
22)	485210	Pulaski Area Transit Capital Program	$33,683.00	0.0219
23)	485210	Town of Chincoteague Capital Program	$1,000.00	0.0007
24)	485210	Greater Roanoke Transit Company Capital Program	$360,000.00	0.2341
	Total FTA-Assisted Contract Funds		**$1,538,006.00**	**1**

Determine the relative availability of DBE's by NAICS Code:

* Use DBE Directory, census data and/or a bidders list to enter the number of available DBE firms and the number of available firms.

	NAICS Code	Project	Number of DBEs available to perform this work	Number of all firms available (including DBEs)	Relative Availability
1)	541618	DRPT State Safety Oversight Consultant	111	243	0.4568
2)	541618	DRPT Title VI Consultant	111	243	0.4568
3)	541614	DRPT Consultant TDP	81	238	0.3403
4)	541618	DRPT ADA & Branding Marketing Consultant	111	243	0.4568
5)	541614	DRPT Performance Pilot Program Consultant	81	238	0.3403
6)	236220	Danville Transit System Capital Program	141	964	0.1463
7)	236220	Greene County Trannsit Capital Program	141	964	0.1463
8)	236220	RADAR Capital Program	141	964	0.1463
9)	236220	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	141	964	0.1463
10)	236220	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	141	964	0.1463
11)	485210	Town of Altavista Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
12)	485210	RADAR Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
13)	485210	AACS/Four County Transit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
14)	485210	Greene County Trannsit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
15)	485210	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
16)	485210	Bay Aging Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
17)	485210	STAR Transit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
18)	485210	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
19)	485210	Danville Transit System Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
20)	485210	District Three Public Transit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
21)	485210	Farmville Area Bus Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
22)	485210	Pulaski Area Transit Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
23)	485210	Town of Chincoteague Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
24)	485210	Greater Roanoke Transit Company Capital Program	1	533	0.0019
	Combined Totals		**1214**	**13487**	***0.0900*** ***Overall availability of DBEs***

(Weight) x (Availability) = Weighted Base Figure

	NAICS Code	Project	Weight	x	Availability	Weighted Base Figure
1)	541618	DRPT State Safety Oversight Consultant	0.06078	x	0.45679	0.0278
2)	541618	DRPT Title VI Consultant	0.05190	x	0.45679	0.0237
3)	541614	DRPT Consultant TDP	0.11897	x	0.34034	0.0405
4)	541618	DRPT ADA & Branding Marketing Consultant	0.02252	x	0.45679	0.0103
5)	541614	DRPT Performance Pilot Program Consultant	0.06854	x	0.3403	0.0233
6)	236220	Danville Transit System Capital Program	0.01560	x	0.14627	0.0023
7)	236220	Greene County Trannsit Capital Program	0.00442	x	0.14627	0.0006
8)	236220	RADAR Capital Program	0.00780	x	0.14627	0.0011
9)	236220	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	0.26008	x	0.14627	0.0380
10)	236220	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	0.06854	x	0.14627	0.0100
11)	485210	Town of Altavista Capital Program	0.01560	x	0.00188	0.0000
12)	485210	RADAR Capital Program	0.00442	x	0.00188	0.0000
13)	485210	AACS/Four County Transit Capital Program	0.00780	x	0.00188	0.0000
14)	485210	Greene County Trannsit Capital Program	0.00000	x	0.00188	0.0000
15)	485210	JAUNT, Inc. Capital Program	0.06854	x	0.00188	0.0001
16)	485210	Bay Aging Capital Program	0.01560	x	0.00188	0.0000
17)	485210	STAR Transit Capital Program	0.05202	x	0.00188	0.0001
18)	485210	Virginia Regional Transit Capital Program	0.00780	x	0.00188	0.0000
19)	485210	Danville Transit System Capital Program	0.22164	x	0.00188	0.0004
20)	485210	District Three Public Transit Capital Program	0.01300	x	0.00188	0.0000
21)	485210	Farmville Area Bus Capital Program	0.00624	x	0.00188	0.0000
22)	485210	Pulaski Area Transit Capital Program	0.05202	x	0.00188	0.0001
23)	485210	Town of Chincoteague Capital Program	0.00780	x	0.00188	0.0000
24)	485210	Greater Roanoke Transit Company Capital Program	0.23407	x	0.00188	0.0004
					Total	0.1790
					Expressed as a % (*100)	17.90%
					Rounded, Weighted Base Figure:	**17.9%**

Step 2: Adjusting the Base Figure

Justification
In accordance with the guidance on DBE goal setting, adjustment to the Step 1 Base Figure must be considered, but not required, in order to make it as precise as possible. To determine whether this adjustment is needed or not, DRPT examined the similarity between projects this year to projects in recent years. The types of projects for FY2016-18 are similar to the types of projects in FY14 and FY15 to some extent. This leads to the assumption that our previous rate of DBE participation is an accurate reflection of DBE capacity in the type of work for FY2016-18 and, under this scenario, the adjustment for past participation is warranted.

Based on estimates on contract awards for construction projects our total estimated expenditures for FY2016 are as follows:

FY16 Estimated Construction Projects = $462,800
FY16 Other Contracts using Federal Funding = $1,948,917

Base Figure(s) Adjustment
DRPT calculated the adjustment by averaging the figures obtained in Step One with a figure that represented DRPT's DBE past participation (median past participation). In utilizing this method, we obtained a more precise outcome by being able to include a number of years' worth of past participation.

The first component is to determine the "median" past participation percentages.
DRPT's FY 15 DBE Participation Rate = 6% (for 1st half of FY2015)
DRPT's FY 14 DBE Participation Rate = 4.4%
DRPT's FY 13 DBE Participation Rate = 5.6%

Median Participation = 5.3% (6%+4.4%+5.6%=5.3%)

The second component in adjusting the Step One Base Figure for past participation is to use this median past participation percentage (5.3%) to adjust the Step One Base Figures (11% and 2.1%). This adjustment is done through averages as shown below.

Using the weighted figure of 17.9%, DRPT averaged this with our past 3 year participation (5.3%) and reached a goal of 11.6%.

Average
17.9% + 5.3% = 23.2% = 11.6% average.

Noting the large range between the above scenarios (2.1% to 17.9%), DRPT has opted to use its actual past participation average over the past three fiscal years as its goal. This average of 5.3% is 78% above our stated goal of 3% for the prior three year period (2013-2015).

Using the above scenarios as based on the previous 3 years where DRPT consistently reached an average DBE goal of 5.3%, we feel this is a more accurate representation of businesses which are DBE certified and willing, ready, and able to do business with the Commonwealth. Using the figure derived in Step 2, the median past participation for the prior three fiscal years, **DRPT's DBE goal for FY2016-18 is 5.3%.** DRPT feels this median past participation percentage is an accurate representation of ready, willing, and able DBE's who are qualified and able to work for DRPT and its subrecipients.

DRPT will evaluate this goal on an annual basis and modify it as necessary. DRPT will also work with subrecipients to increase utilization of DBE vendors.

Public Notice

In accordance with FTA regulations, DRPT published its revised DBE goal of 5.3% for public comment for 45 days (see attached documentation). DRPT advertised in statewide publications, minority based publications, on its website and on its Facebook page.

During the 45-day public comment period, DRPT did not receive any inquiries from community or other interest groups regarding revising our goal upward to 5.3% from its previous 3% goal. Also, no other comments were received from the public on the new 5.3% statewide goal. There was no substantial data to support revising the published goal of 5.3% for fiscal years 2016-2018.

Over the past year, DRPT has reached out to minority Chambers of Commerce throughout the state to discuss DBE certification for their business members and has received no comment or interest. Of note, the Asian Chamber of Commerce stated during a phone conversation that the process was too invasive and their members would not be interested in pursuing DBE certification.

2. Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral and Race-Conscious Participation

DRPT estimates that, in meeting its overall goal of 5.3%, it will obtain 5.3% from race-neutral participation and 0% through race-conscious measures. The estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious DBE participation is based on: (1) DRPT's previous years' DBE goal achievement and (2) DRPT's past participation of DBE subcontractors. Additionally, DRPT has taken into consideration the contracting opportunities projected for the new federal fiscal year.

Following is the analysis for the estimated breakout:

Step 1. DRPT staff reviewed the previous years' DBE goal achievement. DRPT did not exceed its annual DBE goal achievement in FY14 and FY15. As we have been able to meet our goal using the Race Neutral means, DRPT does not include specific DBE goal percentage language in its contracts. Therefore, for FY2016-18, DRPT will not seek to increase its percentage of race conscious means. DRPT's race conscious goal will remain 0%.

Step 2. DRPT staff reviewed the past participation of DBE subcontractors. The achievement of race conscious measures for FY15 was 0% and the race neutral measures achievement was a 4.1%. The total DBE achievement was 4.1%. Race conscious measures attainment is a result of participation of DBE subcontractors on contracts containing DBE goals.

DRPT expects to see the same DBE subcontractor participation in some of its construction projects projected for the next three years.

Step 3. For FY2016-18, DRPT is proposing an overall goal of 5.3% using race neutral measures.

Recommendation

In accordance with §26.45, DRPT recommends:

FY2016-18 goal: **5.3% race-neutral means** and **0% race-conscious means**.

DRPT will adjust the estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation and will track and report race-neutral and race-conscious participation separately. For reporting purposes, race-neutral DBE participation includes, but is not necessarily limited

to, the following: DBE participation through a prime contract obtained through customary competitive procurement procedures; DBE participation through a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal; DBE participation on a prime contract exceeding a contract goal; and DBE participation through a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider a firm's DBE status in making the award.

DRPT uses the following race-neutral means to increase DBE participation:

1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE and other small businesses participation;
2. Ensuring availability of the State's DBE directory (DRPT's DBE Directory) both internally and to interested parties.

All DRPT subrecipients that meet the threshold requirements will adopt this goal.

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The Bland County Messenger	Wednesday	1,388
Bristol Herald Courier	Sunday	26,166
Brunswick Times-Gazette, Lawrenceville	Wednesday	1,576
The Caroline Progress, Bowling Green	Thursday	2,678
The Carroll News, Hillsville	Wednesday	3,077
The Central Virginian, Louisa	Thursday	8,228
The Colonial Voice, Colonial Heights	Friday	10,000
Clinch Valley News, Richlands	Wednesday	1,148
Clinch Valley Times, St. Paul	Thursday	1,500
The Coalfield Progress, Norton	Tuesday	4,473
The Crewe-Burkeville Journal	Thursday	5,200
Culpeper Star-Exponent	Wednesday	5,471
Daily News-Record, Harrisonburg	Tuesday	25,419
The Daily Progress, Charlottesville	Wednesday	21,671
Danville Register & Bee	Friday	15,873
The Declaration, Independence	Wednesday	1,718
The Dickenson Star	Wednesday	3,372
The Dinwiddie Monitor	Wednesday	2,076
The Enterprise, Stuart	Wednesday	5,700
The Farmville Herald	Wednesday	6,445
The Fincastle Herald	Wednesday	4,469
The Floyd Press	Thursday	3,906
Fluvanna Review, Palmyra	Thursday	5,907
The Free Lance-Star, Fredericksburg	Tuesday	39,598
The Free Press, Woodstock	Thursday	2,711
The Gazette, Galax	Friday	6,966
Gazette-Virginian, South Boston	Wednesday	10,048
Greene County Record, Stanardsville	Thursday	739
Herald-Progress, Ashland	Thursday	3,418
The Hopewell News	Friday	7,096
Independent-Messenger, Emporia	Wed. & Sun.	4,106
The Lebanon News	Wednesday	4,724
The Legacy, Richmond	Wednesday	25,000
Madison County Eagle	Thursday	2,005
Martinsville Bulletin	Tuesday	14,659
The Mecklenburg Sun	Wednesday	6,521
The Metro Herald, Alexandria	Thursday	5,000
Nelson County Times, Lovingston	Thursday	2,006
The New Castle Record	Wednesday	1,191
The News & Advance, Lynchburg	Tuesday	29,510
The News & Record, South Boston	Thursday	4,791
The News-Gazette, Lexington	Wednesday	6,874
The News Leader, Staunton	Wednesday	15,605
The News-Messenger, Christiansburg	Saturday	2,840
The News-Patriot, Colonial Heights	Friday	5,000
The News-Progress, Chase City	Wednesday	2,494
The News Virginian, Waynesboro	Sunday	5,298
The North Fork Journal, Harrisonburg	Wednesday	12,450
Northern Neck News, Warsaw	Wednesday	4,382
Northern Virginia Daily, Strasburg	Tuesday	10,393
Northumberland Echo, Heathsville	Wednesday	1,717
Nuevas Raices, Harrisonburg	Wednesday	14,000
Orange County Review	Thursday	2,815
Page News & Courier, Luray	Thursday	6,006
The Patriot, Pulaski	Friday	3,349
The Post, Big Stone Gap	Thursday	1,778
The Prince George Journal	Thursday	800
Prince William Today	Friday	29,576
The Progress-Index, Petersburg	Tuesday	11,537
Radford News Journal	Saturday	1,228
Rappahannock Record, Kilmarnock	Thursday	6,481
Rappahannock Times, Tappahannock	Thursday	5,000
The Recorder, Monterey	Thursday	4,200
Richlands News-Press	Wednesday	2,359
Richmond Times-Dispatch	Sunday	145,432
The Roanoke Times	Friday	80,253
Rocktown Weekly, Harrisonburg	Thursday	10,500
Salem Times-Register	Thursday	2,602
Scott County Virginia Star, Gate City	Wednesday	6,190
The Shenandoah Journal, Harrisonburg	Wednesday	9,700
Shenandoah Valley Herald	Friday	2,518
The Shenandoah Valley Hit	Friday	2,100
The Smithfield Times	Wednesday	5,502
Smyth Co. News & Messenger, Marion	Wednesday	3,327
South Hill Enterprise	Wednesday	5,749
The Southside Messenger, Keysville	Thursday	2,991
Southside Sentinel, Urbanna	Thursday	4,394
The Southwest Times, Pulaski	Tuesday	4,935
Stafford County Sun	Friday	20,143
Suffolk News-Herald	Tuesday	11,013
Sussex-Surry Dispatch, Wakefield	Wednesday	1,868
Tazewell County Free Press	Wednesday	13,500
Tidewater News, Franklin	Wednesday	4,101
The Valley Banner, Elkton	Thursday	2,638
The Vinton Messenger	Thursday	946
The Virginia Mountaineer, Grundy	Thursday	7,298
The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk	Monday	154,309
Virginian Leader, Pearisburg	Wednesday	5,110
Virginian Review, Covington	Wednesday	6,623
The Warren Sentinel, Front Royal	Thursday	3,094
Washington County News, Abingdon	Wednesday	1,257
The Washington Times	Sunday	38,544
Westmoreland News, Montross	Wednesday	5,539
The Winchester Star	Thursday	21,752
Wytheville Enterprise	Tuesday	4,305
Yorktown Crier/Poquoson Post	Thursday	803
TOTAL CIRCULATION		**1,100,860**
TOTAL NEWSPAPERS		**102**

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT
June 1, 2015

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Junio 7 de 2015

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE TRANSPORTE PÚBLICO Y FERROVIARIO DE VIRGINIA (THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (DRPT)) ha establecido un objetivo general del 5,3% para la participación de organizaciones de Empresas en Desventaja (DBE, por sus siglas en inglés) en las oportunidades de contratación de la Administración Federal de Tránsito (Federal Transit Administration), durante los años fiscales federales que empiezan el 1° de octubre de 2015 y concluyen el 30 de septiembre de 2018, dando cumplimiento a los requisitos 49 CFR Parte 26 del Departamento de Transporte (U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)) de los Estados Unidos.

La documentación relacionada con el desarrollo de este objetivo se encuentra disponible para revisión de lunes a viernes de 8:30 am - 4:00 pm hasta el 5 de agosto de 2015, en la siguiente dirección: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Email: drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov

Teléfono: 804-786-4440

Los comentarios sobre este objetivo se recibirán hasta el lunes 3 de agosto de 2015 en la dirección anteriormente mencionada.

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CIUDAD DE ALEXANDRIA, VA
AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

Junio 15 de 2015
Ciudad de Alexandria
Oficina de Vivienda (Office of Housing)
421 King Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
Teléfono: 703.746.4990
Discapacitados Auditivos: 703.838.5056
Sitio web: alexandriava.gov/Housing

El 23 de junio de 2016, o en fecha aproximada, la ciudad de Alexandria presentará una solicitud al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (Department of Housing and Urban Development- HUD) para la liberación de fondos federales del Paquete de Subvenciones para el Desarrollo Comunitario (Community Development Block Grant - CDBG), bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974 (Ley Pública 93-383), en su versión enmendada, y una solicitud para fondos del Programa de Asociaciones para Inversión en Vivienda (HOME Investment Partnerships Program-HOME) bajo el Título II de la Ley Nacional de Vivienda Asequible de 1990, en su versión enmendada, para los años fiscales que van desde el 1° de julio de 2015 hasta el 30 de junio de 2020, durante los cuales se realizarán proyectos, según se describen a continuación.

A. **Título del Proyecto:** Programa de Préstamos para Rehabilitación de Vivienda
Propósito/Descripción: Otorgar préstamos para rehabilitación de vivienda sin intereses, con pago diferido a propietarios-ocupantes con ingresos elegibles en la Ciudad.
Ubicación: Ciudad de Alexandria, VA

Las fuentes estimadas de fondos que recibirá la Ciudad de Alexandria durante los próximos cinco años se identifican a continuación:

Programa	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CDBG	$458,141	$458,141	$458,141	$458,141	$458,141

Las cantidades anuales reales serán identificadas en el Plan de Acción Anual de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad

B. Título del Proyecto: Programa de Modificación a la Accesibilidad al Alquiler
Propósito/Descripción: Realizar modificaciones a la accesibilidad para alquilar unidades a inquilinos discapacitados en la Ciudad.
Ubicación: Ciudad de Alexandria, VA

Las fuentes estimadas de fondos que recibirá la Ciudad de Alexandria durante los próximos cinco años se identifican a continuación:

Programa	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
CDBG	57,500	$57,500	$57,500	$57,500	$57,500

Las cantidades anuales reales serán identificadas en el Plan de Acción Anual de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad.

C. Título del Proyecto: Programa de Fondos para Oportunidades de Vivienda
Propósito/Descripción: Proporcionar apoyo para el desarrollo y/o preservación del alquiler asequible y/o inventario de viviendas para la venta, mediante el otorgamiento de préstamos y/o financiación de subvenciones a urbanizadores. Las actividades a ser financiadas pueden incluir: estudios de factibilidad previos al desarrollo, adquisición, rehabilitación y y/o construcción.
Ubicación: Ciudad de Alexandria, VA

Las fuentes estimadas de fondos que recibirá la Ciudad de Alexandria durante los próximos cinco años se identifican a continuación:

Programa	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
HOME	$319,845	$319,845	$319,845	$319,845	$319,845
City General Fund Match	$26,800	$26,800	$26,800	$26,800	$26,800
City Housing Trust Fund Match	$53,161	$53,161	$53,161	$53,161	$53,161

Las cantidades anuales reales serán identificadas en el Plan de Acción Anual de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad.

Se ha preparado una estrategia de revisión medioambiental y se ha determinado que los únicos requisitos 24 CFR §58.5 y §58.6 aplicables a cada sitio específico para los programas referenciados son la contaminación y las sustancias tóxicas, así como los peligros por explosivos y sustancias inflamables. Se revisarán estos factores para cada sitio, y se documentará plenamente el cumplimiento con los requisitos, antes de aprobar los préstamos o subvenciones específicas. Se requerirá una revisión ambiental independiente para proyectos específicos del sitio con el fin de superar una o más de las limitaciones medioambientales establecidas para el programa.

COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia podrán presentar sus comentarios por escrito sobre los Resultados de las Revisiones Medioambientales (ERRs) a la ciudad de Alexandria, City of Alexandria, Office of Housing, 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314. Todos los comentarios recibidos a más tardar el 23 de junio serán considerados por la ciudad de Alexandria antes de autorizar la presentación de la solicitud de liberación de los fondos.

CERTIFICACIÓN MEDIOAMBIENTAL

La ciudad de Alexandria certifica al HUD que Mark Jinks, en calidad de Administrador de la Ciudad, consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales, si se interpone una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades relacionadas con el proceso de revisión medioambiental y el cumplimiento de estas responsabilidades. La aprobación de la certificación por parte del HUD implica el cumplimiento de sus responsabilidades según lo estipulado por la NEPA y con las leyes y autoridades relacionadas, y permite a la ciudad de Alexandria el uso de los fondos del programa.

OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

El HUD aceptará objeciones a la liberación de los fondos y a la certificación de la ciudad de Alexandria durante un periodo de quince días siguientes a la fecha de la presentación anticipada o de la recepción efectiva de la solicitud (lo que ocurra más tarde) sólo si éstas se basan en lo siguiente: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Funcionario Certificador de la ciudad de Alexandria; (b) la ciudad de Alexandria ha omitido un paso o ha dejado de tomar una decisión o fallo requerido por las regulaciones del HUD en 24 CFR Parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o emprendido actividades no autorizadas por el 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por el HUD o (d) otra agencia federal, actuando de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504, ha presentado un hallazgo escrito que determina que el proyecto no es satisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad medioambiental. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y presentadas de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos y deberán dirigirse a: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington Field Office, Attention: Mr. Michael Rose, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, 820 First Street, NE, Suite 450, Washington D.C. 20002-4255. Los oponentes potenciales deben ponerse en contacto con el HUD llamando al (202) 775-6266 para verificar el último día del período de objeciones.

Mark Jinks, Administrador de la Ciudad

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