

13. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL 2026-2028

**BACKGROUND**

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The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Transportation Department receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) through the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA), the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Recipients of these federal funds are required to set an overall triennial goal for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in their DOT-assisted contracts in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26: "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in Department of Transportation Programs." The triennial goal is established to ensure that DBE firms have reasonable opportunity to participate in DOT-assisted contracts.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

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The Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Department has determined that the current DBE goal of 26% should be adopted for the 2026-2028 fiscal years. This is based on various data collected on DBEs in the H-GAC region. As part of the DBE triennial goal process, the Transportation DBE program held a DBE workshop and public meeting for feedback. A 30-day public comment period began June 17, 2025 and will end July 17, 2025. All comments will be taken into consideration for the final completion of the DBE triennial goal and report. The schedule for the DBE triennial goal process is in the chart below.

TASK	DATE
Develop Triennial Goal	April-May
DBE Workshop and Feedback	June 10
DBE Public Meeting	June 17
30-Day Public Comment Period	June 17-July 17
June TAC and TPC Information Presentations	June 18 and 27
TAC Presentation and Recommendation	July 16
TPC Action	July 25
Submission	August 1

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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Information Only.