

**7. APPROVAL OF DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIENNIAL
GOAL 2023-2025**

Background

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

The Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Department has determined that the current DBE goal of 25% should be adopted for the 2023-2025 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 will hold a DBE workshop and public meeting for feedback. A 30-day public comment period will begin June 13, 2022 and end July 13, 2022. 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 2
DBE Public Meeting	June 13
30-Day Public Comment Period	June 13-July 13
June TAC and TPC Information Presentations	June 15, 24
Board Presentation and Action	July 19
TAC Presentation and Recommendation	July 13
TPC Action	July 22
Submission	August 1

Action Requested

Information and discussion only.