

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-83

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A THREE-YEAR OVERALL ANNUAL GOAL FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S FEDERALLY FUNDED CONTRACT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2027 AND ALSO AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the Department of Transportation ("DOT") regulations for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") program, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, require the establishment of an overall goal for the participation of DBEs in federally funded contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's DBE Program requires that the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer establish a three-year DBE goal for the use of DBEs in contracts awarded by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("Authority"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") DBE Program guidelines, the Authority has developed a three-year overall annual goal of 20.25% for DBE participation in federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority in Federal Fiscal Years ("FFYs") 2025 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer has met with executive staff to propose a three-year overall annual goal for DBE participation in Authority contracts during FFYs 2025 through 2027, commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the three-year overall annual goal for DBE participation is set at 20.25% of the total dollar amount of federally funded contracts awarded by the Authority during FFYs 2025 through 2027.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority is directed to advise the FTA of the establishment of this goal and publish this goal in accordance with the requirements of the DBE Program.

Section 3. That the three-year overall annual goal hereby established for FFY 2025 through 2027 is subject to review, modification, and approval by the FTA.

Section 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: October 29, 2024



President

Attest: 
Secretary-Treasurer




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| TITLE/DESCRIPTION: ESTABLISHMENT OF A THREE YEAR OVERAL ANNUAL DBE GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2027 AND AUTHORIZING ITS SUBMISSION TO FTA | Resolution No.: 2024-83 |
| | Date: October 24, 2024 |
| | Initiator: Office of Business Development |
| ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (“Authority”) to establish a three-year overall annual goal for Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2025 through 2027.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, as amended, the Authority, as a recipient of funding from the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), is required to establish a three-year DBE participation goal.

 The purpose of the DBE program is to help create a level playing field as related to past community-wide disparities in local contracting opportunities, so that DBE firms can more fairly compete in all facets of local contracting opportunities. The DBE program’s objectives are to increase the number and quality of bids received from and contracting done with DBE firms.
- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.
- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** In compliance with federal regulations and guidelines, the Authority proposes a three-year overall annual goal of 20.25% relative to DBE participation, in the aggregate, of all federally assisted contracts of \$25,000.00 or more awarded by the Authority during FFYs 2025 through 2027.
- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is required to comply with the Authority’s DBE Program and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, as amended.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** This action is required for continuation of the Authority’s eligibility for federal financial assistance. FTA provides grants in support of the Authority’s Capital Program.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Reject approval of the three-year overall annual goal for DBE participation. Failure to approve the three-year overall annual DBE goal would adversely impact the awarding of grants by FTA.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** The proposed DBE goal for FFY 2025 through 2027 was reviewed by the Organizational, Services & Performance Monitoring Committee at the August 13, 2024 meeting and recommended for award. Staff recommends approval of the resolution to establish an overall DBE goal of 20.25% for DBE participation in federally assisted contracts awarded during FFYs 2025 through 2027. We are continuing our research involving other transit authorities and are in the process of seeking additional guidance from FTA as well as training opportunities to ensure that GCRTA’s DBE Goal conforms to federal requirements.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



General Manager, Chief Executive Officer