

**GREATER RICHMOND TRANSIT SYSTEM
TRIENNIAL DBE GOAL SETTING METHODOLOGY
(FY2017-19) Revised**

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 DBE's 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 DBE's and then, based on evidence, determining whether the base figure requires adjustments to arrive at an overall goal. These requirements are the basis for Greater Richmond Transit System's (GRTC) goal setting methodology.

Overall Goals (§26.45)

Amount of goal

GRTC's overall goal for FY 2017 - 19 is 5.5% of the federal financial assistance we will expend in DOT-assisted contracts. This goal excludes FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles.

Method

The following is a summary of the method GRTC staff 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 §26.45, which suggests the use of DBE Directories and Census Bureau Data.

- GRTC staff determined the number of ready, willing and able DBEs from the Commonwealth of Virginia Unified Certification Program (VUCP) DBE directory.
- Using County Business Patterns (CBP) data, GRTC staff determined the number of businesses available in the regional market that could provide the goods and services that GRTC projected for purchase in FY2107-19.
- A base figure was derived by dividing the number of DBEs and potential DBEs by the number of all regional businesses in the appropriate business sectors. To tailor the data to GRTC's contracting program for FY2017-19, the relative availability of DBEs was weighted, giving more weight to the categories of work in which GRTC projects expending more money.