



2017

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal

Requirements

Federal Transit Administration requires that organizations receiving federal funds make efforts to purchase from or use Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). A DBE is a for-profit small business that is:

- At least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals.
- Controlled (management and daily business operations) by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

WSDOT requires organizations to provide a DBE Plan if they expect to award contracts that use FTA funding (rolling stock purchases not included) of a combined total of \$250,000 or more in a calendar year. PFP contracts currently do not reach this threshold.

Good Faith Efforts

Although PFP is not required to prepare a DBE Plan, PFP is required to make good faith efforts and report those efforts to WSDOT. The required reporting is provided directly to WSDOT in quarterly progress reports. All purchasing activities that utilized a DBE contractor are listed in this report, including: 1) The type of expense, 2) The percentage of federal funding spent on the item(s), 3) The number of DBEs used for the item(s), 4) The name of the DBEs used for the item(s), 5) Justification and good faith efforts if unable to find any DBEs or if DBE costs were exorbitant compared to other bidders.

PFP makes good faith efforts to use DBEs whenever purchasing or contracting with FTA grant funds. These activities include:

- Researching DBE vendors for PFP projected contracted work and purchases and encouraging them to submit a bid or quote when advertising for contracted goods or services.
- Including preference for minority or women owned business in the procurement process.
- Actively recruiting potential DBE contractors and referring them to complete the DBE certification process.
- Assisting WSDOT and Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises with the identification of obstacles and strategies to reduce the barriers for businesses to become certified DBEs.
- Continuing to contract with DBE contractors.

People For People's DBE Participation Goal

PFP actively seeks DBE's when soliciting contractors and will work toward obtaining a goal of 1% participation. PFP currently contracts with DBE "Sousley Sound" in the Yakima region and "Pro-Touch Car Wash and Auto Detail, LLC" in the Moses Lake region.