

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation for CityBus Procurements

FY2024 – 2026 DBE Goal

The Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation (CityBus) hereby announces its goals for procurement from Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funded transportation programs for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 to 2026. The overall goals are 0.98% annually. Each of the annual goals is broken down, as follows: race-neutral, 100%; race-conscious, 0%.

Interested persons and qualified DBE firms interested in selling transit-related parts, supplies, or services to CityBus should send a summary of services, brochures, catalogs, and/or letters of interest stating the firm's qualifications and areas of service to DBE Liaison Officer, CityBus, 1250 Canal Road, Lafayette, IN 47904.

Qualifications for DBE Certification

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is the sole certifying agency for the DBE programs in the state of Indiana. This means that to participate as a DBE on contracts with funding through the FTA, a business must first obtain DBE certification. To qualify as a DBE, as required in 49 CFR part 26, a firm must be:

- At least 51 percent owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who:
 - Are US citizens or permanent residents
 - Possess expertise in the field
 - Control the daily business operations
 - Have a personal net worth less than \$1,320,000 (excluding the value of their primary residence and assets of the firm applying for DBE certification)

The following groups are presumed by law to be socially and economically disadvantaged:

- Black Americans
- Hispanic Americans
- Native Americans
- Asian-Pacific Americans
- Subcontinent Asian Americans
- Women

A small business, as defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA), which means:

- The firm's average annual gross receipts may not exceed Small Business Administration size standards
- In any case, a firm's gross receipts may not exceed a \$23,980,000 average over the previous three fiscal years

More information on INDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program and certification process can be located at <https://www.in.gov/indot/2748.htm>. You may also contact our CityBus DBE Liaison Officer/ Controller, at (765) 423-2666 or at procurement@gocitybus.com.