

## Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

### **DBE Goal for Fiscal Years 2023-2025: 8%**

The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) is issuing the Agency's 3-Year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2023 - FY2025, in accordance with Federal Regulations, 49 CFR §26.45.

Based on methodology prescribed by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) and tips for goal-setting published by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), RIPTA commits 8% of the total federal funding assistance it receives for FTA-funded projects to DBE contractors. Questions, comments and concerns regarding the details of the methodology and calculations used to generate this DBE Goal are invited and encouraged via email to RIPTA DBE Liaison Officer at [jwilliford@ripta.com](mailto:jwilliford@ripta.com) or during inspection at: Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907.

RIPTA seeks and encourages input from the Rhode Island community. Specifically, RIPTA looks to gather comments, concerns, ideas and requests from area businesses, community organizations, and community leaders regarding the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged business opportunities and the effects of discrimination for DBEs, including barriers to lending, bonding and insurance. The data collected by RIPTA is for informational purposes only and used to assist and ensure the establishment and maintenance of a level playing field for DBEs on RIPTA projects. RIPTA encourages your input regarding this topic in order to enhance our Disadvantaged Business Program and achieve our annual goals. Please forward your feedback to RIPTA's DBE Liaison Officer, Jenny Cordero Williford, Esq.

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