



## Documentation of DBE FY10 Goal and Methodology

As required by 49 CFR Part 26, HART must submit the FY10 DBE Goal to FTA on or before August 1, 2008. In order to meet the required forty five (45) day public comment period, the goal must be advertised in the paper. Advertisements were placed in the Florida Sentinel and La Gaceta on Jun 12, 2009.

### Section 26.45: Overall Goal Calculation

HART's proposed goal for FY10 is 7.5% of the Federal Financial assistance HART will award, exclusive of FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles. HART anticipates awarding federally funded projects in the amount of \$16,999,965 which includes subcontracting opportunities. This means that HART has set a goal of expending \$1,274,997 with DBEs during the fiscal year.

### **Methodology used to Calculate Overall Goal**

**Step 1:** 26.45(c) Determine the base figure for the relative availability of DBEs.

The base figure for the relative availability of DBE's was calculated as follows:

$$\text{Base figure} = \frac{\text{Ready, willing, and able DBEs}}{\text{All firms ready, willing and able}} = \frac{423}{15,444}$$

The data sources for demonstrable evidence used to derive the ready, willing and able vendors listed of Architectural, Engineering, Construction, Security System Services, Computer and Software Stores, Custom Computer Programming Services, Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services was the Florida UCP Directory and the 2002 US Census for Florida businesses. Although the 2007 US Census for Florida businesses was available in some categories, the Construction category was not yet available. For consistency, the 2002 census was used for the information.

When the numerator (423) was divided by the denominator (15,444), the base figure for the overall goal equaled 7.5%.

**Step 2: 26.45(d)**

After calculating a base figure of the relative availability of DBEs, evidence was examined to determine what adjustment was needed to the base figure in order to arrive at the overall goal.

Historical HART DBE data for FY 06, 07 and 08 was shown to have a median of 5.7% DBE participation. Based on the low median of participation in contract awards during the prior three years, an adjustment was not warranted.

In order to reflect as accurately as possible the DBE participation that would be expected in the absence of discrimination, the base figure of 7.5% will be used as the FY10 DBE goal%.

**Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral & Race Conscious Participation**  
**Section 26.51:**

HART estimates that, in meeting the overall goal of 7.5%, 1.5% will be obtained from race-neutral participation and 6% through race-conscious measures. Based on the economy, it was determined that more race-conscious measures were necessitated in order to reach the goal.

HART will include DBE goals on contracts that have subcontracting opportunities until the goal is within reach of attainment. HART may not establish a contract goal on every such contract, and the size of contract goals will be adapted to the circumstances of each such contract (e.g., type and location of work, availability of DBEs to perform the particular type of work.) HART will express a contract goal as a percentage of a total amount of a DOT-assisted contract. HART will discontinue using contract goals if the goal is met.