What is a DBE?

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is defined within the Code of Federal Regulations.
- “Socially and Economically Disadvantaged”
  - Small Business with less than $24 million in gross annual receipts;
  - Owners’ personal net worth under $1.32 million.
  - Generally, owners are women or minorities.
DBE Goal Setting

- DBE goals are set for three federal fiscal years.
  - Current goal for FFY 2014-2016 is 1%.
  - DBE goals are set for federally funded contracting opportunities only.
  - DBE goals do not include contracting for Transit Vehicle Manufacturers.

- Goals should represent the availability of ready, willing, and able DBEs on projected federally funded contracting opportunities.

DBE Goal Setting Methodology

- Methodology is prescribed by federal regulations.
- All DOT funded agencies follow the same guidelines to reach a goal.
- SamTrans partners with VTA, SFMTA, BART, AC Transit, and other Bay Area partners to review goal setting practices with the public.
Base Figure

• Define types of work on upcoming contracts.
• Identify DBE availability for each type of work.
  − Four FTA funded contracting opportunities forecasted for the next three years.
  − Two are for Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (excluded from goal setting).
  − Two are for Minivan purchases; there are no market area DBE dealers or wholesalers.

Adjustments to Base Figure

• Public comments
  − Events held April 12th and May 3rd in conjunction with other Bay Area Transportation Agencies.
• Past DBE participation
  − No past bids received for vehicle purchases.
• Disparity Study findings
  − No findings support an adjustment for vehicle purchases.
Next Steps

- 0% Proposed DBE Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2017-2019
- The DBE Goal will be advertised to the public for comments.
- After public comment, the DBE Goal setting methodology will presented at the June 2016 Board for approval
- A final DBE goal and methodology explanation are due to the FTA by August 1st.

Next Steps (cont’d)

- 2016 Joint Disparity Study with SamTrans, PCJPB, and VTA.
  - Seeking input from DBEs on actual availability.
  - First outreach at VTA on May 3rd, additional outreach in San Mateo and San Francisco TBD.
  - New availability figures scheduled to be available by May 2017; may be used to adjust current goals.
Questions?

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