



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program

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United States Congress Authorization of Funding for the DBE Program

Authorization

- In 1983, US Congress enacted the first Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) program.
- The DBE program was reauthorized by Congress on January 6, 2015 providing Federal funds for “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation” (FAST Act).

Existence of Discrimination

- Congress has found that “discrimination and related barriers continue to pose significant obstacles for minority- and women-owned businesses in federally assisted surface transportation market across the United States.”
- Congress has ruled that the continuing barriers...merit the continuation of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program m



What is the DBE Program?

Description

- Federal program required under 49 CFR Part 26
- DBEs are businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals
- To be eligible a firm must be a small business with 51% owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals
- As a recipient of Federal funds, the MBTA must have a program. Not a quota program; goals based on good faith efforts

Objectives

- Remedy discrimination in contracting
- Create a level playing field for fair competition
- Help firms to eventually compete outside program



Reporting Areas Covered and MBTA Goals

MBTA DBE Goal and Attainments for reporting period

1. Prime and Subprime Awards and Commitments for reporting period
2. Demographics of DBE awards
3. Payments made this period

Throughout the presentation we will be referring to specific sections of the Uniform Report of DBE Awards and Commitments

THE MBTA DBE GOAL FOR THE FEDERAL FY PERIOD OF
2022-2025 is 20%.

THE MBTA DBE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE FEDERAL REPORTING
PERIOD Of 10/01/2022-03/31/2023 Is 19.00%



Awards/Commitments Made During the 10/01/222–03/31-2023 Reporting Period

	Total Dollars	Total Number	Total \$ to DBEs	Total # to DBEs	Total \$ to DBEs/Race Conscious	Total # to DBEs/Race Conscious	Total \$ to DBEs/Race Neutral	Total # to DBEs/Race Neutral	% Total \$ to DBEs
Prime Contracts Awarded	\$211,668,014	138	\$42,510	4	\$0	0	\$42,510	4	0.02%
Subcontracts Awarded/Committed	\$57,175,639	175	\$40,167,303	95	\$39,531,664	82	\$635,639	3	70.25%
Total			\$40,209,813	99	\$39,531,664	82	\$678,149	7	19.00%

DBE Payment Demographics

	Total \$ to DBE – Women	Total \$ to DBE – Men	Total \$ to DBE	Total # to DBE – Women	Total # to DBE – Men	Total # to DBE
Black American	\$31,139	\$1,366,618	\$1,397,820	2	9	11
Hispanic American	\$211,552	\$111,459	\$323,011	3	2	5
Native American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
Asian-Pacific American	\$322,897	\$6,538,888	\$6,861,785	3	20	23
Subcontinent Asian American	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
Non-minority American	\$31,627,197	\$0	\$31,627,197	60	0	60
Total	\$32,192,785	\$8,017,028	\$40,209,813	68	31	99



Payments

Payments for Ongoing Contracts

	Total Number of Contracts	Total Dollars Paid	Total Number of Contracts with DBEs	Total Payments to DBE Firms	Total Number of DBE Firms Paid	Percent to DBEs
Prime and subcontracts currently in progress	308	\$275,950,111	169	\$40,323,472	133	14.61%

Actual Payments On Contracts Completed This Reporting Period

	Number of Prime Contracts Completed	Total Dollar Value of Prime Contracts Completed	DBE Participation Needed to Meet Goals (dollars)	Total DBE Participation (dollars)	Percentage of Total DBE Participation
Race Conscious	6	\$86,569,860	\$8,160,148	\$9,610,210	11.10%
Race Neutral	17	\$316,105		\$33,850	10.71%
Totals	23	\$86,885,965		\$9,644,060	11.10%