



Triennial DBE Goal Methodology Consultative Process Questions

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.45(g), the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport (Airport), as a recipient of U.S. Department of Transportation assistance, announces a proposed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) overall Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 5.4% for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2027. (October 2024 – September 2027).

Pursuant to the requirements in 49 CFR 26.45(g)(1)(i), prior to submitting the goal document to the FAA, the Airport is required to consult with minority, women's and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials or organizations which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the Airport's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs. As part of the consultation phase, the Airport is requesting your input.

Please review the questions listed below at your earliest opportunity. The questions are to provide a context for you to consider in determining information you may have available or that could be useful as part of the consultation. Any feedback or comments you may have will be used to further enrich our DBE Program Plan activities.

Comments and responses may be submitted via email to Renee.Aivaliklis@sonoma-county.org no later than November 22, 2024.

1. Are you aware of or have you experienced any specific barriers toward DBEs in competing for federally funded contracts?
2. Has your firm experienced discrimination in the process for competing for government contracts? If yes, please explain.
3. Do you have any recommendations for methods of outreach to increase small and disadvantaged business participation?
4. Have you participated in any DBE or small business specific training, workshops, or outreach events locally? If so, please list the event and hosting organization, and provide feedback on the value of the event.
5. Do you use any other eProcurement systems to compete for contracts with any other agencies?
6. What is your overall opinion of eProcurement systems?
7. Have you recently worked with DBEs or other small businesses on pursuing contracts? If so, please describe your experience.
8. Do you have any recommendations for encouraging prime contractors to utilize DBEs and other small businesses on their contracting teams?

For additional information on the consultative process and the Airport Triennial DBE Goal Methodology, please email the Airport DBE Liaison Officer, **Renee Aivaliklis** Renee.Aivaliklis@sonoma-county.org or mailed to 2290 Airport Blvd., Santa Rosa, ca 95403.