

Attachment 3: Overall Goal Calculation (§ 26.45)

Amount of Goal

1. Orange County's overall DBE participation goal is 2.99% of the Federal Financial assistance Orange County will expend in FTA-assisted contracts, exclusive of FTA funds used for the purchase of transit vehicles in a fiscal year.
2. Orange County anticipates awarding an average of approximately \$5,000,000 of FTA-assisted contracts during each year. If the 2.99% DBE participation is met, the County would expend at least \$170,500 on DBE contracts or subcontracts.

Methodology used to Calculate Overall Goal

Step 1: 49 CFR 26.45(c)

To calculate the relative availability of DBEs for "Step 1," data from DBE lists (NYSUCP) and US Census Bureau Data were reviewed for NYSDOT Region 8, comprised of the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, and Westchester.

The base figure for the relative availability of DBEs was calculated by dividing the total number of ready, willing, and able firms/contractors by the number of ready, willing, and able DBEs, as follows:

Ready, willing, and able DBEs (numerator):	48	
	-----	= 2.986%
All firms ready, willing and able (denominator)	1607	

The data source used to derive the numerator was the NYSUCP Directory.

The data source used to derive the denominator was the North American Industry Classification System categories for:

- Engineering Services (541330)
- Bus and Other Motor Vehicle Transit Systems (485113)
- Other Urban Transit Systems (485119)
- Geophysical Surveying and Mapping Services (54136)
- Other Scientific and Technical Consulting Services (541690)
- Transportation Management Consulting Services (541614)
- Professional and Management Development Training (611430)

By dividing the numerator by the denominator, Orange County arrived at the base figure for its overall goal and that number was: **2.99%**

Step 2: 26.45(d)

After calculating the base figure of the relative availability of DBEs, Orange County considered whether to make adjustments to the base figure in order to arrive at the overall participation goal. No adjustments were made.

Public Participation

Orange County recognizes the importance of engaging members of the public, particularly those who depend upon public transit services, when planning activities and makes special efforts to reach out to and engage members of disadvantaged segments of the community such as lower income, minority, and LEP populations.

All planning activities and notices which are advertised to the press are shared with news sources that serve a variety of Orange County's DBEs including Orange County's official newspapers and Orange County's daily newspaper, the Times Herald Record.