

FORT BEND COUNTY
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
DBE GOAL
FY2021 to FY2023



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Live Link to DBE Goal on Fort Bend County Website

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments-o-z/public-transportation/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-program/dbe-goal>

INTRODUCTION

Fort Bend County Public Transportation (County) has completed their review of the federally funded contracting opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for fiscal years 2021 through 2023.

According to US DOT regulations 49 CFR PART 26, the County is required to establish a Race-Neutral/Race-Conscious Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal program. This goal is based on projected contracting opportunities, the availability of eligible ready, willing, and able to work DBEs, as well as, past contracting achievement.

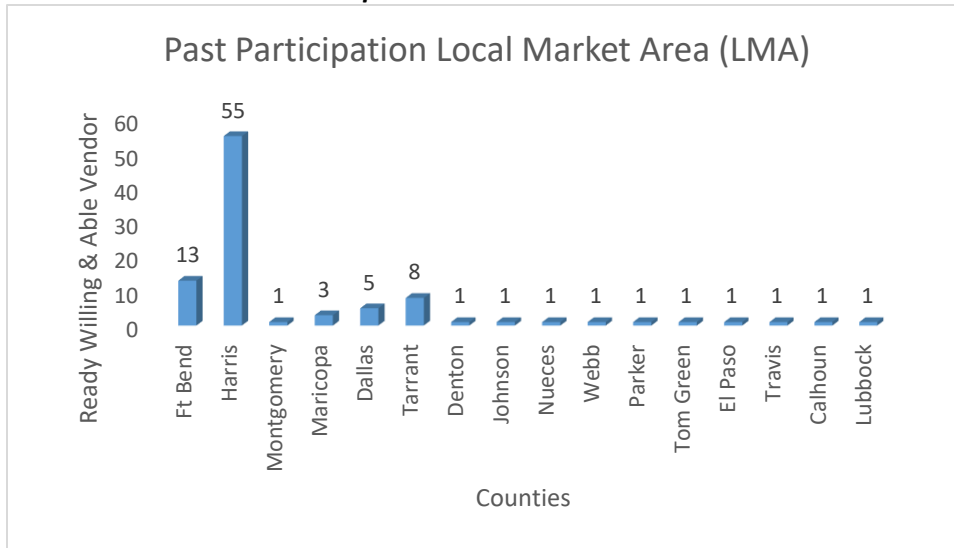
An overall agency goal of **3.89%** is proposed for contracting opportunities for the DBE program.

In February 2020, the President of the United States declared a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. In March 2020, Governor Greg Abbott, of Texas, declared a State of Disaster that resulted in the closure of all non-essential businesses. This measure was undertaken to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and welfare of Texans. It is too soon to tell how much Covid-19 affected disadvantaged businesses and how it will affect the FY2021 through FY2023 DBE Goal. The County will monitor any impact the pandemic has on the goal.

ESTABLISHED BASE FIGURE

To calculate the weighted base figure, the relative availability of DBE contractors within the Local Market Area (LMA) was determined. The LMA is defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) as the area in which the substantial majority of the contractors and subcontractors with which your agency does business with are located, and the area in which your agency spends the substantial majority of contracting dollars. Based on that definition and past similar contracting services, the substantial majority of contractors and subcontractors that were ready, willing, and able were located in Fort Bend County and Harris County. **Graph 1** shows the LMA of past similar contracting services.

Graph 1: Local Market Area



The County used data from the following sources to identify the total number of available DBEs for each project.

- 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes
<https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>
- United States Census Bureau County Business Patterns 2017 Fort Bend County & Harris County
<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/advanced?g=0500000US48157,48201&tid=ACSST1Y2018.S0101&vintage=2018>
- Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) DBE Directory
<https://txdot.txdotcms.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?XID=8037&TN=txdot>

The total number of firms and DBE firms available in both Fort Bend County and Harris County areas for these types of projects was determined from the NAICS code, Census Bureau County Business Pattern and the TUCP DBE directory. The data obtained from all firms and DBEs was used to calculate the relative availability using **Equation 1** below. **Table 1** shows the data for the relative availability for all projects.

Equation 1: Relative Availability for Each Project

$$\text{Relative Availability} = \frac{\text{Ready, willing, and able DBEs}}{\text{All firms ready, willing, and able (including DBEs and non - DBEs)}}$$

Table 1: Relative Availability for Each Project

No.	NAICS Code	Project	Number of DBEs available to perform this work	Number of all firms available (including DBEs)	Relative Availability
1)	541611	Rail Study	212	1588	0.1335
2)	334310	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	0	3	0.0000
3)	238210		1	797	0.0013
4)	423690		0	239	0.0000
5)	454310		Bulk Fuel	0	13
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	22	422	0.0521
7)	236220	Construction Management	11	648	0.0170
8)	541310		1	340	0.0029
9)	541330		75	1676	0.0447
10)	541330	Material Testing	75	1676	0.0447
11)	541330	Engineering Design	75	1676	0.0447
12)	541310	Financial & Transportation Planning	1	340	0.0029
13)	541330		75	1676	0.0447
14)	541611		212	1588	0.1335
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	1	26	0.0385
17)	485111	Bus Service	0	6	0.0000
18)	424720		2	132	0.0152
19)	485113		0	6	0.0000
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	3	188	0.0160
21)	541690		9	622	0.0145
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	6	1219	0.0049
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	2	115	0.0174
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	3	347	0.0086
25)	812930	Park & Ride	2	266	0.0075
26)	541690	Pos-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	9	622	0.0145
27)	541613	Marketing	20	497	0.0402
28)	541820		4	61	0.0656
29)	541910		4	52	0.0769
				Overall availability of DBEs	0.8420

The project type was identified and the corresponding expected budget for the three years was added to calculate the weight for each project (See **Equation 2 & Table 2**). The County’s only subrecipient is Gulf Coast Rail District (GCRD). During the FY2021 to FY2023 DBE goal period the County anticipates spending approximately \$250,000 for GCRD to conduct rail study. The County excluded \$7,582,230 for vehicle purchases. The vehicle purchase is reported to FTA through the vehicle award report within 30 days of creating the purchase order for each bus purchased.

Equation 2: Weight for Each Project

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{Each project amount of FTA assisted funds}}{\text{Total project amount of FTA assisted funds}}$$

Table 2: Weight for Each Project

No.	NAICS Code	Project	Amount of FTA assisted funds on project:	% of total DOT funds (weight)
1)	541611	Rail Study	\$250,000.00	0.0131
2)	334310	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	\$300,000.00	0.0157
3)	238210			
4)	423690			
5)	454310	Bulk Fuel	\$950,000.00	0.0497
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	\$2,418,423.65	0.1265
7)	236220	Construction Management	\$343,496.14	0.0180
8)	541310			
9)	541330			
10)	541330	Material Testing	\$50,000.00	0.0026
11)	541330	Engineering Design	\$75,000.00	0.0039
12)	541310	Financial & Transportation Planning	\$600,000.00	0.0314
13)	541330			
14)	541611			
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	\$246,819.02	0.0129
17)	485111	Bus Service	\$13,009,499.00	0.6803
18)	424720			
19)	485113			
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	\$412,800.00	0.0216
21)	541690			
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	\$115,677.14	0.0060
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	\$35,239.80	0.0018
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	\$11,280.00	0.0006
25)	812930	Park & Ride	\$78,247.10	0.0041
26)	541690	Pos-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	\$14,007.00	0.0007
27)	541613	Marketing	\$211,500.00	0.0111
28)	541820			
29)	541910			
Total FTA assisted Project Funds			\$19,121,988.85	1

According to OSDBU, the weighted based figure is not required by rule but it will make the goal calculation more accurate; See **Equation 3** for the formula used to calculate the Weighted Base Figure. The Total Weighted Base Figure is 2.91% (See **Table 3**).

Equation 3: Weighted Base Figure for Each Project

Weighted Base Figure = Relative Availability * Weight

Table 3: Total Weighted Base Figure

No.	NAICS Code	Project	Weight	Relative Availability	Weighted Base Figure
1)	541611	Rail Study	0.01307	0.13350	0.0017
2)	334310	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	0.01569	0.00000	0.0000
3)	238210			0.00125	0.0000
4)	423690			0.00000	0.0000
5)	454310			0.00000	0.0000
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	0.12647	0.05213	0.0066
7)	236220	Construction Management	0.01796	0.01698	0.0003
8)	541310			0.00294	0.0001
9)	541330			0.04475	0.0008
10)	541330	Material Testing	0.00261	0.04475	0.0001
11)	541330	Engineering Design	0.00392	0.04475	0.0002
12)	541310	Financial & Transportation Planning	0.03138	0.00294	0.0001
13)	541330			0.04475	0.0014
14)	541611			0.13350	0.0042
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	0.01291	0.03846	0.0005
17)	485111	Bus Service	0.68034	0.00000	0.0000
18)	424720			0.01515	0.0103
19)	485113			0.00000	0.0000
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	0.02159	0.01596	0.0003
21)	541690			0.01447	0.0003
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	0.00605	0.00492	0.0000
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	0.00184	0.01739	0.0000
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	0.00059	0.00865	0.0000
25)	812930	Park & Ride	0.00409	0.00752	0.0000
26)	541690	Pos-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	0.00073	0.01447	0.0000
27)	541613	Marketing	0.01106	0.04024	0.0004
28)	541820			0.06557	0.0007
29)	541910			0.07692	0.0009
				Total	0.0291
				<i>Expressed as a %</i>	2.91%

ADJUSTED GOAL

The County’s adjusted DBE goal is based on past participation for fiscal years 2014 through 2019 due to the strong similarities of contracting opportunities between FY2014 – FY2019 and FY2021 – FY2023. Based on DBE participation for the six (6) fiscal years (See **Table 4**), a median of **4.87%** was determined (See **Equation 4**). The average of the Weighted Based Figure (See **Table 3**) and the Past Participation Goal was used to calculate the new adjusted goal for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to be **3.89%** (See **Equation 5**). The County consulted with the small business organizations listed in table 6 for information on past discrimination. None of the businesses that the County consulted with identified any past discrimination. The County were not able to find any disparity studies in our local market area.

Table 4: Past Participation DBE Goal

Fiscal Year	DBE % Goal	DBE % Achieved
2019	4	1.17
2018	4	0
2017	4	0.08
2016	7	9.66
2015	7	0.23
2014	6	9.42

Equation 4: Median Goal

$$\text{Median} = \frac{(0.08\% + 9.66\%)}{2} = 4.87\%$$

Equation 5: Adjusted DBE Goal

$$\text{Adjusted Goal} = \frac{(\text{Weighted Base Figure} + \text{Median Goal})}{2} = \frac{(2.91\% + 4.87\%)}{2} = 3.89\%$$

RACE-NEUTRAL AND RACE-CONSCIOUS PARTICIPATION

The race-neutral attainment for the past six (6) fiscal years was examined to determine the maximum race-neutral participation. The calculation of the average race-neutral participation is determined with the median of race-neutral participation. The median is used instead of the average or mean because it excludes abnormally high or low numbers. The County used FY2016 achievement of 9.66% and FY2017 achievement of 0.08% to determine the median (See **Equations 4, 5 & Table 5**).

Table 5: DBE Goal vs. Achievement

Fiscal Year	DBE % Goal	DBE % Achieved
2019	4	1.17
2018	4	0
2017	4	0.08
2016	7	9.66
2015	7	0.23
2014	6	9.42

The County's method for determining the race-neutral and race-conscious portion is consistent with the guidelines in OSDBU *Tips for Goal-setting in the DBE program*. The recommendations are to increase the race-conscious portion of the annual goal to account for the proportion of previous years' goals that were

not met or increasing the race-neutral portion to account for exceeding goals. The County first determined the median as explained above in **Equation 4**, then determined the mean of the difference between the race-neutral achievement and goals for the two years used to calculate the median. The mean difference between achievement and goals for these two years was added to the race-neutral median to account for exceeding and not meeting race-neutral goals.

Equation 6: Race-Neutral Allocation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Race - Neutral Allocation} &= \frac{(\text{FY2016 Achievement} + \text{FY2017 Achievement})}{2} + \\
 &\frac{((\text{FY2016 Achievement} - \text{FY2016 DBE Goal}) + (\text{FY2017 Achievement} - \text{FY2017 DBE Goal}))}{2} \\
 &= \frac{(9.66 + 0.08)}{2} + \frac{((9.66 - 7) + (0.08 - 4))}{2} \\
 &= 4.87 + \frac{(2.66 - 3.92)}{2} \\
 &= 4.87 + 0.63 \\
 &= 4.24\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Based on the results of the calculation in **Equation 6**. The County has determined that the DBE goal for FY2021 through FY2023 can be met at 100% race-neutral.

OUTREACH/CONSULTATION

The County hosted a DBE Goal webinar on June 24, 2020 followed by a survey. There was no comments received during the webinar. Partnering organizations were invited (See **Table 6**) and encouraged to extend the invitation to their network. Small businesses in our database were also invited to attend the webinar (See **Attachment A**). The webinar was used to consult with minority, women, general contractor groups, and community organizations to assist in the development of the DBE goal. On July 15, 2020, an email notification was sent to the partnering organization and small businesses to inform them that the goal was posted for public comments.

Table 6: The County Small Business Partnering Organization

Organization Name	Contact First Name	Contact Last Name	Contact phone	Contact Email Address
HCCS	Veronica	Douglas	713-718-5278	veronica.douglas@hccs.edu
(City of Houston) Office of Business Opportunity	Marsha	Murray	832-393-0600	director.obo@houstontx.gov
Houston Minority Supplier Development Council	Ingrid	Robinson	713-271-7805	info@hmsdc.org
Houston Black Chamber of Commerce	Tiko	Reynolds-Hausman	713-660-8299	info@ghbcc.com
Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Carolina	Petriciolet	713-644-7070	info@houstonhispanicchamber.com
Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce	Stacy	Bynes	281-491-0800	info@fortbendcc.org

Houston Community College System (HCCS) is a viable partner in community outreach to small, disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses. HCCS' Small Business Development Program was created to provide opportunities for local small businesses to participate in contracting and procurement.

The City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity is an agency committed to promoting the growth and success of local small businesses, with special emphasis on historically underutilized groups by ensuring their meaningful participation in the government procurement process.

Houston Minority Supplier Development Council, established in 1973, is a non-profit organization for minority businesses helping them to grow their businesses successfully by providing necessary trainings, workshops, and certification programs.

Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce (GHBC), formerly the Negro Chamber of Commerce, was established in 1935. The GHBC continues to represent the interest and promote greater unity among the African-American business community.

Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is the leading advocate for Hispanic business and civic interests in the Greater Houston area. Through its issue advocacy, its media platforms with an audience reach of more than 3 million people, and its robust membership network, the Chamber is the leading united voice for its members and all of the Hispanic Houston area.

Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce (FBCC) has, for over 40 years, fulfilled the mission to serve as the advocate for business excellence in Fort Bend County. With over 1,200 business members, the FBCC is comprised of local, national, and global; as well as small, medium, and large and Fortune 500 ranked businesses and organizations.

Attachment B includes the response to the survey. The survey results were analyzed and, based on the feedback, the County determined the results of the public consultation should be noted. However, analysis of the data determined that an adjustment of the base figure was not needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was open for 45 days. It began July 15, 2020 and ended August 31, 2020. The County’s DBE Goal, 3.89% for FY2021-2023 was published in the Fort Bend Independent (See **Attachment C**). In addition, the DBE Goal was also posted on the County’s Public Transportation Department webpage (See **Attachment D**). During the 45 day comment period, the County did not receive any comments from the public, therefore, there was no adjustment to the proposed DBE Goal.

Attachment A

Small Business Invitees	
Heneco	Core Office Interiors
Transit Safety Solutions	Ridley's Vacuum
Visual Language Pro	RDLR
Stream Global IT	Dream-Signs
Mavich	Datavox
Reladyne	Debner
MCA	Logo Sign Studio
CS Acoustics	AVTG
Sunset Glass Tinting	Cummins Allison
Halford Busby	Genesis Signs
Two Way Signs	Suncoast Resources
Advanced MT	Lift N Store
BVI Resources USA	Westmatic
Two Way Signs	Safety-Kleen
Sylvester Garza	Go To Spectrum
Copr Out	Sign Ups and Banners
Zaxon USA	Vesta Rea & Associates
Claton Personnel	

Attachment B Survey Response

Fort Bend County - Public Transportation Vendor Survey DBE Goal 2021-2023



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Respondent #7 ▾ ◀ ▶

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Email: dericantony@gmail.com
IP Address: 143.111.84.203

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Acute Care UM

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
621999

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
Yes, interested

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Yes

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
N/A

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
Not attempted bids yet

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Bid search on website

ENGLISH



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Email: etackett@advancedmt.org
IP Address: 98.194.168.236

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Advanced Medical Transportation LLC

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Alternate Route transportation for paratransit/ XL paratransit and individuals with intellectual disabilities (NAICS code 485991)

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
No. Yes, application submitted to Houston office

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Yes

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
No.

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
No

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Contracts and procurement on fortbendcontytx.gov - still new to finding bid opportunities. I wish there were a guide in place to assist in the steps or directly where to locate bids aimed toward our business.

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Acerra Technologies, Inc. (DBA: Audio Visual Technologies Group)

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
334310, 238210, 541512, 425110, 541330, 541511, 334111,

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
Yes

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Yes

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
no

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
no

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Bid notificatons via email or direct contact by county

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Email: sjordan@corpout.com
IP Address: 96.91.52.78

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Corporate Outfitters

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
Office furniture, Moving Services, Repairs, Installation

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
NO. Yes, please share information

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Yes

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
No

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
No

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Email Bid Requests, Personal relationships

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Halford Busby

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
541990, 236220, 541310, 541611, 237310, 237110

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
Yes

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
No

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
No

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
No

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Notification from Architects

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Email: crayton.nelson@reladyne.com
IP Address: 45.25.27.89

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
A.J.Hurt,Jr.,Inc. dba Reladyne

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Respondent skipped this question

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
Respondent skipped this question

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
Respondent skipped this question

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Respondent skipped this question

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
Respondent skipped this question

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
no

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
For Ft Bend County ,contacted by Purchasing

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Q1
What is the name of your company?
Ridley's Vacuum and Janitorial Supply

Q2
Are you a Small Business?
Yes

Q3
What service(s) do you provide? (Please provide NAICS code(s) as applicable.)
Janitorial supplies, cleaning chemicals, dispensing and dilution systems, cleaning equipment and service. Paper goods products and hand care products plus dispensers and free installation. Cleaning equipment sales and rental, on site maintenance service.

Q4
Are you a Certified DBE vendor? (If no, are you interested in becoming a DBE vendor?)
No

Q5
Have you heard about Fort Bend County Public Transportation?
Yes

Q6
Have you experienced discrimination on any Fort Bend County Public Transportation federally assisted Solicitation? (If yes, please describe.)
No

Q7
Have you experienced any barrier(s) when bidding on a Fort Bend County Public Transportation Solicitation? (If yes, what were they?)
No

Q8
Is your business capable of performing work in the Houston/Fort Bend County area?
Yes

Q9
How does your company typically become aware of contracting opportunities?
Business networking, announced RFQ and sales solicitation inquiries.

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- Q1**
What percentage of your members are qualified as a DBE firm in Texas?
Percentage
Enter Percentage Amount:
25
- Q2**
Based on the percentage of your members qualified as DBE firms, how many are interested (or have sought work) either as a Prime Contractor or a Subcontractor with Fort Bend Transit?
Not Sure
- Q3**
What percentage of your members who have not sought DBE certification, but may qualify, are interested in contracting or subcontracting opportunities with Fort Bend Transit?
Not Sure
- Q4**
Have any of your members reported any discrimination when responding to a federally funded Solicitation with Fort Bend Transit?
No
- Q5**
Have any of your members reported any barriers when responding to a federally funded Solicitation with Fort Bend Transit?
No
- Q6**
Is there any feedback you would like to provide us that the questions above did not address?
No

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NEWS

Library's Podcast Club focuses on mysteries in July

The Podcast Club at Fort Bend County Libraries' University Branch Library will focus on "Mysteries" in July. Since the library buildings are currently not open to the public, the Podcast Club meeting will take place online via Zoom, so listeners throughout the area can participate from the comfort and safety of home.

Similar to a book club, the Podcast Club provides an opportunity for podcast listeners to get together to discuss podcast selections from a themed podcast-listening list and share their opinions on trending topics. Each month features a different theme, along with a short list of podcast episodes.

The next meeting of the University Branch Library Podcast Club will take place on Thursday, July 23, beginning at 7:00 pm. A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all who register.

A direct link to the podcasts can be found on Fort Bend County Libraries' online calendar on the FBCL website. The playlist of podcasts from which to choose includes:

- "Detective Story" – Staff to Blow Your Mind (1 hour, 5 minutes). Everyone loves a good whodunit, but why does the figure of the fictional detective tower so staggeringly over the modern world? He or she is a seeker of truth, a resolver of conflict, a subcultural liaison, and perhaps even a shaman for an increasingly secular world. Join Robert and Christian for a dive through the history, science, and cultural resonance of the detective

story.

- "Halloween Special: The Mystery Show!" – Part-Time Genius (36 minutes). How did Agatha Christie churn out so many novels? Was Woodrow Wilson more important to the mystery genre than Sherlock Holmes? And what happened to Inspector Gadget's mustache (because he used to have one!) Hear about the mysteries of these mysteries!

- "Case #1 Video Store – Mystery Show (25 minutes). Laura becomes a member at a video store, rents a video, and attempts to return the video the next day, only to discover the store is completely gone. This episode of Mystery Show gets to the bottom of how a video store could close in one day.

- "The Creation of Sherlock Holmes" – The Art of Manliness (43 minutes). Sherlock Holmes is one of the most widely recognized figures of literature and pop culture. But how did the creator of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, come up with a character who has become the universal archetype of the independent detective?

- "Could I Learn to Think Like Sherlock Holmes?" – CrowdScience (34 minutes). Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous fictional detective is renowned for his feats of memory, his observational capacity, tireless energy, and an almost supernatural ability to solve the most

perplexing crimes from seemingly unconnected facts. Does the way Sherlock Holmes solves mysteries go beyond fiction? What does science have to say about the matter? In this podcast, fact is pitted against fiction with a leading forensic expert and a sleep scientist, and presenter Mamie Chesterton puts herself to the test under the guidance of memory champion Simon Reinhard.

- "Episode 1: What We Know" – Limetown (33 minutes). In this fictional mystery, Lia Haddock is an investigative journalist with APR looking into the story of the disappearance of the town of Limetown. Episode 1 lays the groundwork and background details for an intriguing mystery series.

The Podcast Club is free and open to the public. Registration is required; a link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all who register. To register online at the library's website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on "Classes & Events," select "Virtual Programs," and find the program.

Participants may also register by calling the University Branch Library (281-633-5100).

Special education professor's guidance to parents concerned kids are regressing

Almost all parents of school-aged children have felt the stress of having to homeschool during the lockdown necessitated by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. But parents of children with special needs have been carrying an extra-heavy weight, concerned that their child's progress will stall or reverse as the quarantine has kept kids out of their routine for the last two months of school.

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Associate Professor of Special Education Randy Seevers says their concerns about regression are real, but shares some helpful insights. "All students regress during long vacations, even 'typical' children," Seevers said. "Students with special needs are not only regressing, they're losing the opportunity that they have, under normal circumstances, to learn new things. Right now, it's important to focus on maintaining the skills the student has already learned. We celebrate even very small changes with children with disabilities."

But, he added, each student's situation is unique. "Parents can be very hard on themselves because they want to do the right thing for their child," he said. "It's hard when you don't have the tools that a teacher has in

the classroom. Parents should have reasonable expectations on themselves about what they can do with their child," he said. "Don't try to conquer the world. Your child's safety and wellbeing are priorities right now. Many children with disabilities also have more health risks. As a parent, you can only do so much and it's all right if you can't be everything to everyone at all times. Allow yourself to think a little smaller and be more reasonable."

As closures, quarantines and social distancing continue to take their toll on everyone, Seevers offered some additional tips to help parents of special needs children keep from becoming overwhelmed.

- Try to maintain a routine. Most children do well with structure; children with disabilities particularly so.

- Find a worthwhile distraction that is encouraging and enriching. Music can be a powerful tool at home, especially if parents or kids are feeling stressed or anxious. A fun playlist can distract

from a negative mood and lift the tension.

Telehealth for mental health services is available. Check with therapists and other care providers about online services—they're out there.

- Create new goals that are more easily attainable for your child. If it takes your child a long time to get dressed, now is a good time to focus on that because you don't have to hurry—the bus is not around the corner. For a child with disabilities, achieving life skills can be as important as academic skills.
- Stay in touch. You may be physically separated, but you can still be connected. Take this time to reach out by phone, by video call, or even by mail. Physical distance does not mean you have to lose your social connections.

- Keep reminding yourself that this quarantine will not last forever. The days might feel longer and the nights might not always bring much rest. But have faith, normal routines will return and your familiar support systems will be back in place. Hang in there!

For more information about UHCL's Special Education program, visit www.uh.edu/education/departments/counseling-special-education-diversity/special-education/

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The CLA models solidify their place among AMG gateway models with additional performance equipment that starts with turbocharged handcrafted AMG four cylinder engine that has 382 hp and 354 lb.-ft. torque.

The AMG 35 offers five dynamic select driving modes that are Slippery, Comfort,

With the new optional AMG steering wheel buttons, it quickly can switch driving modes while keeping hands on the wheel. This consists of a round controller with an integrated display beneath the right-hand steering-wheel spoke, plus two vertically positioned color display buttons with switches under

The game-changer is Mercedes-Benz information system. It features a new user interface, natural speech recognition and touchscreen capabilities. More tech highlights include the dual screen display with touchscreen and available augmented video for navigation.

With the AMG menu the driver can call up various special displays such as gear display with yellow M symbol in manual mode; warm up menu – engine and transmission oil temperature;

my driveway came in at \$62,855. But then there is a driver assistance package, an exterior lighting package, parking assistance package, multimedia package, AMG night package, performance package and a premium package. There is also AMG ride control, drive unit steering wheel buttons, multi-spoke wheels, track pace, rear side airbags, inductive wireless charging, etc.

It is definitely a fun coupe to drive, has numerous bells and whistles, is fast so makes you want to drive it when you open your front door.

Libraries offer Online Cookbook Club

Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels – from beginners to advanced – find Fort Bend County Libraries’ two monthly Cookbook Book Clubs a great way to share ideas and discover new culinary tips. Different cooking genres are explored each month.

In August, the Cookbook Clubs will take place virtually, so that cooking enthusiasts around the area can enjoy and participate from the comfort and safety of home.

The University Branch Library’s Culinary Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month, beginning at 1:30 pm.

The theme for the meeting on Wednesday, August 19, is “Breakfast Foods.”

This activity will take place online in real time via Zoom. Registration is required; an email with a link for the Zoom session will be sent to all who register.

Share tips, get ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine!

The Mission Bend Branch Library’s Food for Thought Cookbook Club normally meets on the third Thursday of every month, beginning at 1:00 pm.

The featured activity on Thursday, August 20, will be a pre-recorded video demonstrating how to make no-bake snacks.

A link to the video will be posted on FBCL’s online calendar on the designated date, and it can be viewed at any time.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Registration is required for the Culinary Book Club so that a link to the Zoom session can be emailed to participants who register.

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Participants may also

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Fort Bend County Public Transportation Department PUBLIC NOTICE

These Programs of Projects will be funded with grant support from the United States Department of Transportation Section 5311 and Section 5307 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). This notice is to inform the public about the Program of Projects listed below.

The tables below describe our FY2020 Rural and Urban CARES Act funds project list:

Fort Bend County Public Transportation FY2020 Section 5311 CARES Act Program of Projects	
PROJECT	AMOUNT
Capital Cost of Contracting	57,626
ITS Software	1,800
Project Administration	50,272
Safety Equipment	17,448
Operating Assistance	372,934

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Avenue E between Dulles Avenue and FM 1092, Precinct 2.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at 401 Jackson Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Texas. You are invited to attend and state your approval or objection on this matter.

Submitted by,
Laura Richard
Fort Bend County Clerk

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. for acceptance of the traffic control plan for Willow Fork Groves Section 2, Precinct 3.

The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at 401 Jackson Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Texas. You are invited to attend and state your approval or objection on this matter.

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City of Missouri City

ORDINANCE NO. O-20-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16, NAMING OF CITY PROPERTY AND CITY PROGRAMS, OF THE MISSOURI CITY CODE; REDUCING THE SIGNATURE THRESHOLD FOR REQUESTING EXISTING STREET NAME CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

I, Maria Jackson, City Secretary of the City of Missouri City, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the caption of said Ordinance No. O-20-28 approved on second and final reading by the City Council at its regular meeting held on August 3, 2020, as the same appears in the records of my office.

is 94.3, max cargo volume is 23.5 cubic feet with the rear seats up and 50.2 with the rear seats folded. Trailing capacity is 1,000 lbs.

The Encore GX has a wide, modern grille and 18-inch aluminum wheels. The Encore GX ST will have exclusive wheels, body-color surrounds and a black mesh grille with red accents connected through both the front and rear bumpers.

The functional interior is designed to carry both passengers and cargo, with 94.3 cubic feet for passengers and 25.3 cubic feet for cargo behind the second row. The Encore GX has an adjustable two-stage load floor.

For even more flexibility, the Encore GX's front passenger seat folds flat and the 40/60 folding second row is optimized with the narrower section behind the driver's seat to better accommodate an 8-foot long object diagonally from the passenger seat to the

they head "back to school."

"Isolation can result in higher levels of anxiety or depression, as kids aren't able to engage with people they care about or in activities they value and enjoy," said Dr. Eric Storch, professor and vice chair of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and vice chair of psychology in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor.

Lack of social interaction may diminish children's social skills.

They can forget how to interact with others effectively, which can be a challenge once they return to traditional school. Storch suggests

children continue practicing social interactions with peers through video chat or getting involved in online activities and computer games with others. Parents and children can also role play social situations to practice social skills, such as introducing oneself.

Staying connected through technology is one way to relieve the distress children experience during at-home learning. Spending time outdoors, exercising and playing sports throughout the school day also can help with feelings of anxiety surrounding isolation.

To relieve stress, parents can engage in meaningful activities with their children,

CONSTABLE'S SALE

Notice is hereby Given, that by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued by the Clerk of the 268TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court of FORT BEND County, on the 26th day of JUNE, 2020, in a certain cause number 18-DCV-248269 wherein LAKES OF BELLA TERRA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. plaintiff, and MINDI A. LITTLE defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 12TH day of OCTOBER, 2018, in favor of the said plaintiff LAKES OF BELLA TERRA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. against said defendant MINDI A. LITTLE, for the sum of \$2,713.82 TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON AT THE RATE OF 5% PER ANNUM FROM THE DATE OF JUDGMENT UNTIL PAID; THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$2,591.20 FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES; ALL COSTS OF COURT HEREIN EXPENDED AND RECOVER POST JUDGMENT INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5% PER ANNUM ON THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT AWARDED HEREIN FROM THE DATE HEREOF UNTIL PAID, AND THE FURTHER SUM OF \$0.00, together with all costs of suit, I levied upon, and will, on the 15TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of MINDI A. LITTLE in and to the following described REAL property, levied upon as the property of MINDI A. LITTLE to wit:
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
LOT 32, BLOCK 1, LAKES OF BELLA TERRA SECTION 16, AN ADDITION IN FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT NO. 20120110 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS (THE "PROPERTY")

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued by the clerk of the 458TH District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas on June 12, 2020 in cause numbered 16-DCV-229200 styled Long Meadow Farms Community Assoc. Inc. vs. Linh-Kieu Lu and Frank Perez, in which a judgment was rendered on March 8, 2018 in favor of Long Meadow Farms Community Assoc. Inc. for the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars and Ninety Nine Cents (\$13,612.99); plus fees for posting notice of sale, publishing, costs of suit rendered by the court, legal fees, and all costs of executing this Writ.
I have levied upon the below listed property on July 15, 2020 and will on September 1, 2020 Tuesday, between the

Attachment D

DBE Goal Posted on County's Website

fortbendcountytx.gov/government/departments-o-z/public-transportation/public-comment/dbe-goal

FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE KP GEORGE HAS SIGNED A DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. THE ORDER WAS SIGNED TO HELP CONTAIN AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN FORT BEND COUNTY. FORT BEND COUNTY COVID-19 INFORMATION.

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ESTABLISHED BASE FIGURE

In order to determine the weighted base figure, the relative availability of DBE contractors within the Local Market Area (LMA) was determined. The LMA is defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) as the area in which the substantial majority of the contractors and subcontractors with which your agency do business with are located, and the area in which your agency spend the substantial majority of contracting dollars. Based on that definition and past similar contracting services, the substantial majority of contractors and subcontractors that were ready, willing, and able were located in Fort Bend County and Harris County. **Graph 1** shows the LMA of past similar contracting services.

Graph 1: Local Market Area

County	Ready Willing & Able Vendor
Ft. Bend	13
Harris	55
Montgomery	1
Maricopa	3
Dallas	5
Tarrant	8
Denton	1
Johnson	1
Nucess	1
Webb	1
Parker	1
Tom Green	1
El Paso	1
Travis	1
Calhoun	1
Lubbock	1

Fort Bend County utilized the following data sources to identify the total number of available DBEs for each project.

- 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes
<https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>
- United States Census Bureau County Business Patterns 2017 Fort Bend County & Harris County
<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/advanced?g=0500000US48157,48201&tid=ACSST1Y2018.S0101&vintage=2018>
- Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP) DBE Directory
<https://txdot.txdotcms.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?XID=8037&TN=txdot>

Utilizing NAICS code, Census Bureau County Business Pattern, and the TUCP DBE directory, the total number of all firms and DBE firms available in both Fort Bend County and Harris County areas for these types of projects was determined. The data obtained from all firms & DBEs were used to calculate the relative availability using **Equation 1** below. **Table 1** shows the data for the relative availability for all projects.

Equation 1: Relative Availability for Each Project

$$\text{Relative Availability} = \frac{\text{Ready, willing, and able DBEs}}{\text{All firms ready, willing, and able (including DBEs and non - DBEs)}}$$

Table 1: Relative Availability for Each Project

No.	NAICS Code	Project	Number of DBEs available to perform this work	Number of all firms available (including DBEs)	Relative Availability
1)	541611	Rail Study	212	1588	0.1335
2)	334310		0	3	0.0000
3)	238210	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	1	797	0.0013
4)	423690		0	239	0.0000
5)	454310	Bulk Fuel	0	13	0.0000
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	22	422	0.0521
7)	236220		11	648	0.0170
8)	541310	Construction Management	1	340	0.0029
9)	541330		75	1676	0.0447
10)	541330	Material Testing	75	1676	0.0447
11)	541330	Engineering Design	75	1676	0.0447
12)	541310		1	340	0.0029
13)	541330	Financial & Transportation Planning	75	1676	0.0447
14)	541611		212	1588	0.1335
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	1	26	0.0385
17)	485111		0	6	0.0000
18)	424720	Bus Service	2	132	0.0152
19)	485113		0	6	0.0000
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	3	188	0.0160
21)	541690		9	622	0.0145
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	6	1219	0.0049
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	2	115	0.0174
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	3	347	0.0086
25)	812930	Park & Ride	2	266	0.0075
26)	541690	Post-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	9	622	0.0145
27)	541613		20	497	0.0402
28)	541820	Marketing	4	61	0.0656
29)	541910		4	52	0.0769
				Overall availability of DBEs	0.8420

The project type was identified and the corresponding expected budget for the three years was added to calculate the weight for each project (Reference **Equation 2 & Table 2**).

Equation 2: Weight for Each Project

$$\text{Weight} = \frac{\text{Each project amount of FTA assisted funds}}{\text{Total project amount of FTA assisted funds}}$$

Table 2: Weight for Each Project

No.	NAICS Code	Project	Amount of FTA assisted funds on project:	% of total DOT funds (weight)
1)	541611	Rail Study	\$250,000.00	0.0131
2)	334310	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	\$300,000.00	0.0157
3)	238210			
4)	423690			
5)	454310	Bulk Fuel	\$950,000.00	0.0497
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	\$2,418,423.65	0.1265
7)	236220	Construction Management	\$343,496.14	0.0180
8)	541310			
9)	541330			
10)	541330	Material Testing	\$50,000.00	0.0026
11)	541330	Engineering Design	\$75,000.00	0.0039
12)	541310	Financial & Transportation Planning	\$600,000.00	0.0314
13)	541330			
14)	541611			
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	\$246,819.02	0.0129
17)	485111	Bus Service	\$13,009,499.00	0.6803
18)	424720			
19)	485113			
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	\$412,800.00	0.0216
21)	541690			
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	\$115,677.14	0.0060
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	\$35,239.80	0.0018
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	\$11,280.00	0.0006
25)	812930	Park & Ride	\$78,247.10	0.0041
26)	541690	Pos-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	\$14,007.00	0.0007
27)	541613	Marketing	\$211,500.00	0.0111
28)	541820			
29)	541910			
Total FTA assisted Project Funds			\$19,121,988.85	1

According to OSDBU, the weighted based figure is not required by the rule but it will make the goal calculation more accurate. To determine the weighted base figure **Equation 3** was used. The total weighted base figure is 2.91% (Reference **Table 3**).

Equation 3: Weighted Base Figure for Each Project

Weighted Base Figure = Relative Availability * Weight

Table 3: Total Weighted Base Figure

No.	NAKS Code	Project	Weight	Relative Availability	Weighted Base Figure
1)	541611	Rail Study	0.01307	0.13350	0.0017
2)	334310			0.00000	0.0000
3)	238210	ITS Project (Video Surveillance, Mobile Ticketing)	0.01569	0.00125	0.0000
4)	423690			0.00000	0.0000
5)	454310	Bulk Fuel	0.04968	0.00000	0.0000
6)	238990	Construction Westpark P&R	0.12647	0.05213	0.0066
7)	236220			0.01698	0.0003
8)	541310	Construction Management	0.01796	0.00294	0.0001
9)	541330			0.04475	0.0008
10)	541330	Material Testing	0.00261	0.04475	0.0001
11)	541330	Engineering Design	0.00392	0.04475	0.0002
12)	541310			0.00294	0.0001
13)	541330	Financial & Transportation Planning	0.03138	0.04475	0.0014
14)	541611			0.13350	0.0042
16)	541850	Bus Wraps	0.01291	0.03846	0.0005
17)	485111			0.00000	0.0000
18)	424720	Bus Service	0.68034	0.01515	0.0103
19)	485113			0.00000	0.0000
20)	541614	Ambassador Services	0.02159	0.01596	0.0003
21)	541690			0.01447	0.0003
22)	541512	ITS Software Maintenance	0.00605	0.00492	0.0000
23)	561621	Camera Maintenance	0.00184	0.01739	0.0000
24)	423840	Bus Wash Soap	0.00059	0.00865	0.0000
25)	812930	Park & Ride	0.00409	0.00752	0.0000
26)	541690	Pos-Award, Post Delivery & Bus Inspection Services	0.00073	0.01447	0.0000
27)	541613			0.04024	0.0004
28)	541820	Marketing	0.01106	0.06557	0.0007
29)	541910			0.07692	0.0009
				Total	0.0291
				<i>Expressed as a %</i>	2.91%

ADJUSTED GOAL

Fort Bend County adjusted the DBE goal based on past participation. Past participation DBE goal for fiscal years 2014 through 2019 was utilized. Based on the goals for this six (6) year period (Reference **Table 4**), a median of **4.87%** (Reference **Equation 4**) was determined. Once the past participation goal of 4.87% was determined, the average of the weighted based figure (Reference **Table 3**) and the past participation goal was used to obtain the new adjusted goal for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to be **3.89%** (see **Equation 4**).

Table 4: Past Participation DBE Goal

Fiscal Year	DBE % Achieved
2019	7.73
2018	0
2017	0.08
2016	9.66
2015	0.23
2014	9.42

Equation 4: Adjusted DBE Goal

$$\text{Median} = \frac{(0.08\% + 9.66\%)}{2} = 4.87\%$$

$$\text{Adjusted Goal} = \frac{(\text{Weighted Base figure} + \text{Median Goal})}{2} = \frac{(2.91\% + 4.87\%)}{2} = 3.89\%$$

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fort Bend County provides the opportunity for public participation through inquiry and consultation with various contractor groups and community organizations.

Comments on the proposed overall goals are encouraged and will be used for informational purposes to develop the final established goal. The methodology used to determine the goal will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the Fort Bend Transit office at 3737 Bamore Road until August 17, 2020.

Comments will be accepted until August 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Comments must be submitted in writing to:

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