

# ***DBE Program Update***

## ***Office of Civil Rights (OCR)***

**JPB Finance Committee  
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# DBE Triennial Goal

- Caltrain's Approved Federal Transit Administration (FTA) DBE Goal is 12.8%
- Race Conscious Goal = 5.8 % Race Neutral Goal = 7%
- DBE goals are set for three federal fiscal years (FFY): Oct.1, 2022 – Sept. 30, 2025
- DBE goals are set for federally funded contracting opportunities only.
- FTA assisted estimated contract amount: \$33,090,893.00
- Total proposed dollar amount to be expended on DBEs: \$4,235,634.30
- Anticipated Number of Capital Projects for FFY 2023-2025: 10

# DBE Program Strategies

- Full implementation of the B2GNow System
- Increase DBE certification
- Increase outreach to DBE and SBE firms
- Increase utilization of contract specific goals
- Finding opportunities for DBE and SBE participation

# B2GNow

## ➤ Online Application

- Electronic submissions

## ➤ Certification Management

- Process DBE applications online

## ➤ Contract Compliance

- Ensure prompt payments
- Monitoring contract goals
- Assist federal reporting

## ➤ Outreach

- Grow DBE certifications
- Pre-Bid meetings

# Outreach

- Increase DBE certifications
- Attend local construction events
- Engage local businesses and chambers of commerce
- Working with other agencies to improve business opportunities for DBEs.
- Business Outreach Committee (BOC)

# DBE Contract Goals

- Add or increase contract goals on FTA-assisted contract and work directives
- Monitoring of payments and awards using the B2GNow Compliance module
- TASI DBE participation

# Challenges

- Processes
- Multiple Databases
- Light Rail vs. Heavy Rail
- Personnel
- Limited Ready and Willing DBEs to replace

# Solutions

- Communication
- Deployed Data Migration Plan
- Outreach, DBE Certifications
- Expanding DBE Expertise
- Identifying barriers to entry and facilitating problem solving.....

# Semi Annual Report 10.2022 – 3.2023

## AWARDS

- 2 DBE Primes
- 11 DBE Subcontracts
- 8.66%
  - Race Conscious: 8 DBEs
  - Race Neutral: 5 DBEs



*Questions?*

