Washington State Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Overall Annual DBE Goal

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) submits this Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and methodology to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review and approval pursuant to 49 CFR §26.45 to establish the overall DBE goal for its federally-assisted airport contracts. For Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009, WSDOT has established a proposed overall DBE goal of 0%.

The 0% goal is based on demonstrable evidence of the lack of available opportunities on WSDOT contracts that receive FAA financial assistance. This is due to the fact only one project, during FFY2009 is projected to have FAA financial assistance. This project, a Statewide Economic Impact Report has an estimated cost of $340,000 which is partially ($323,000) funded by the FAA. Considering only one project will receive FAA funding, WSDOT has determined the available opportunities on this specific project are not sufficient to set an overall annual goal. WSDOT's overall annual DBE goal was set following consultation with the FAA External Program Manager. If, at any time within the federal fiscal year, projects arise which have FAA financial assistance, WSDOT will reevaluate the overall DBE goal.

WSDOT has requested public comments and inspection of the goal methodology for 45-days from date of publication. WSDOT will evaluate comments received during this period, make adjustments to the goal if necessary, and forward the revisions to FAA for review and approval as part of its final goal submission.