

Notice to Contractors & Consultants

Beginning Jan.12, 2018, the Washington State Department of Transportation, (WSDOT) is implementing a 19 percent overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal (per 49 Code of Federal Regulation Part 26.45). This change is based on the results of the most recent disparity study.

WSDOT's white-women waiver is still in place, making white-women-owned businesses ineligible for credit toward race-conscious DBE attainment (condition of award). On Sept. 13, 2017, WSDOT requested that the waiver be rescinded. To date WSDOT **has not** received USDOT approval to rescind the waiver.

Pending a response from USDOT, WSDOT is proceeding with the revised goal. WSDOT will proceed with an 8.7 percent race-conscious goal (fulfilled with under-utilized DBE condition of awards goals), and a 10.3 percent race-neutral or voluntary participation goal.

If the waiver is repealed, WSDOT anticipates implementing a 19 percent goal broken out as: 16.8 percent race-conscious participation and 2.2 percent race-neutral participation.

Regardless of the overall goal, WSDOT will continue to base contract-specific goals on opportunities in the contract and availability of DBEs to perform that work.