

## ATTACHMENT 5

### Wabash Municipal Airport Overall DBE Three-Year Goal Methodology

**Name of Recipient:** Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, Wabash Municipal Airport

**Goal Period:** FY-2026-2027-2028 – October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028

<b>DOT-assisted contract amount:</b>	FY-2026	\$	1,250,000
	FY-2027	\$	150,000
	FY-2028	\$	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>

**Overall Three-Year Goal:** 2.61%, to be accomplished through 2.61% RC and 0% RN

**Total dollar amount to be expended on DBEs:** \$37,845 (FY 2026 at 95%, FY 2027-28 at 90%)

**Describe the Number and Type of Contracts that the airport anticipates awarding:**

#### FY 2026

Construct Wildlife Perimeter Fence and Security Gates – Phase 2 \$1,000,000 Total, \$950,000 Federal Share

Terminal Building Energy Sustainability & ADA Compliance Renovation \$368,421 Total, \$350,000 Federal Share

#### FY 2027

LED Lights Runway 9-27, REILs & Guidance signs - Environmental & Design \$166,667 Total, \$150,000 Federal Share

#### FY 2028

Roll over Nonprimary entitlement funds.

**Market Area:** Wabash, Howard, Grant, Huntington, Whitley, Kosciusko, Miami, and Allen counties, Indiana. For engineering services Marion County was added as that is the location of most aviation engineering firms in the state.

#### **Weighted Availability of DBE firms**

Estimates of probable costs are available to do a weighted calculation of the availability of DBE firms for the work anticipated. Therefore, only weighted availability was considered.

#### **Step 1. Actual relative availability of DBEs**

The base figure for the relative availability was calculated as follows:

The data source or demonstrable evidence used to derive the denominator was: <https://data.census.gov/table> for the most recent year of data available (2023). Data was gathered for each of the NAICS codes above for each of the counties within the market area.

The following is the weighted average for each of the plan years.

Work Element	NAISC Description	NAISC	Cost	Census	Directory	DBE %	DBE \$
Fence Construction	All Other Specialty Trade Contractors	238990	\$831,000.00	49	0	0.00%	0
Electric Gates	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$100,000.00	71	1	1.41%	\$1,408.45
Construction Materials Testing	All Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	541380	\$4,000.00	13	0	0.00%	\$0.00
Construction Phase Professional Services	Civil Engineering Services	541330	\$65,000.00	243	17	7.00%	\$4,547.33
Total			\$1,000,000.00	323	11		\$5,955.78
							0.60%

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While the FY 2027 design is less than \$250,000, it was included in the goal setting as there is an opportunity for participation.

The base goal projection considering weighting is as follows:

- Total Weighted DBE Availability ( $\$5,955.78 + 8,750.00 + 12,753.31$ ) = \$27,459.09
- Total for All Trades: ( $\$1,000,000 + \$350,000 + 166,667$ ) = \$1,516,667.00

Dividing the weighted DBE totals by the total estimate for all trades gives a base DBE availability figure for the projects anticipated during the goal-setting period ( $\$27,459.09 / \$1,516,667 = 1.81\%$ ). This figure is expressed as a percentage and serves as the basis for the three-year overall goal.

Weighted base of DBE Goal: 1.81%

## Step 2: Adjustments to Step 1 base figure

After calculating a base figure of the relative availability of DBEs, evidence was examined to determine what, if any, adjustment to the base figure was needed in order to arrive at the overall goal.

### Past History Participation

One piece of data used to determine the adjustment to the base figure was the median of historical DBE accomplishments, as follows:

FY	Total Grant \$ Amount	DBE Goals (%)			Accomplishments (%)			Type of work
		RC	RN	Total	RC	RN	Total	
FY 2020	\$547,191	3.11		3.11	3.11	2.32%	5.43%	Rehabilitate Taxiway A & A2
FY 2021	\$272,930 <sup>1</sup>	NA		NA	NA		NA	Snow Removal Equipment Building
FY 2022	\$27,000	NA		NA	NA		NA	Wildlife Site Assessment
FY 2024	\$81,000	3.4		3.4	3.4	20.99	24.39	Wildlife Security Fence – Environmental Study and ALP Update
FY 2024	\$171,900	3.4		3.4		37.54	40.94	Wildlife Security Fence Design

1. The project was anticipated to be less than \$250,000 so no goal was established. There was no RN DBE participation on the project.

Reviewing the historical data, there is one data point for a paving project and the others are projects that had a unique opportunity to use a DBE firm for an archaeological evaluation and survey. Since these projects will not be duplicated, they are not representative of future project. However, the first phase of the fence project was bid in FY 2025. It was bid with a DBE goal of 3.4% and the low bidder pledged 3.4% participation.

Since the second phase of the Wildlife Security Fence is the largest project in the next three years, the pledged participation of 3.4% should be averaged with the weighted average to reflect the potential for higher participation.

Average weighed goal and recent DBE pledge  $(1.81\% + 3.40\%) / 2 = 2.61\%$

Wabash BOAC believes a goal of **2.61%** accurately reflects DBE participation that can be achieved for the type(s) of work being awarded during this three-year period that will require a DBE goal.

**Breakout of Estimated “Race and Gender Neutral” (RN) and “Race and Gender Conscious” (RC) Participation.**

Wabash BOAC will meet the maximum feasible portion of the overall goal by using RN means of facilitating DBE participation

1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitates DBE, and other small businesses, participation;
2. Providing assistance in overcoming limitations such as inability to obtain bonding or financing;
3. Providing technical assistance and other services;
4. Carrying out information and communications programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities;
5. Implementing a supportive services program to develop and improve immediate and long-term business management, record keeping, and financial and accounting capability for DBEs and other small businesses;
6. Providing services to help DBEs and other small businesses improve long-term development, increase opportunities to participate in a variety of kinds of work, handle increasingly significant projects, and achieve eventual self-sufficiency;
7. Establishing a program to assist new, start-up firms, particularly in fields in which DBE participation has historically been low;
8. Ensuring distribution of DBE directory, through print and electronic means, to the widest feasible universe of potential prime contractors;
9. Assist DBEs and other small businesses, to develop their capability to utilize emerging technology and conduct business through electronic media.

Wabash BOAC estimates that in meeting the established overall goal of 2.61%, it will obtain 0.00% from RN participation and 2.61% through RC measures.

This breakout is based on the Recipient does not have a history of DBE participation or over-achievement of goals to reference and expects to obtain its DBE participation through the use of DBE contract goals or a conscious effort to obtain DBE participation. Therefore, the entire goal of 2.61% is to be obtained through race-conscious participation.

Wabash BOAC will adjust the estimated breakout of RN and RC DBE participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation [see §26.51(f)] and track and report RN and RC participation separately. For reporting purposes, RN DBE participation includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following: DBE participation through a prime contract obtained through customary competitive procurement procedures; DBE participation through a subcontract on a prime

contract that does not carry a DBE goal, DBE participation on a prime contract exceeding a contract goal, and DBE participation through a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider a firm's DBE status in making the award.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### **Consultation:**

In establishing the overall goal, Wabash BOAC provided for consultation and publication. This process included consultation with minority, women's, and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials or organizations which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the Wabash BOAC's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs. The consultation included a scheduled, direct, interactive exchange with as many interested stakeholders as possible focused on obtaining information relevant to the goal setting process and was conducted before the goal methodology was submitted to the FAA for review. Details of the consultation are as follows.

The consultation was conducted in conjunction with the Wabash BOAC meeting on September 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm at the Wabash Municipal Airport.

The following comments were received during the course of the consultation: (Any comments received during consultation will be added here.)

A notice of the proposed goal was published on the Wabash Municipal Airport's official website before the methodology was submitted to the FAA.

If the proposed goal changes following review by the FAA, the revised goal will be posted on Wabash Municipal Airport's official website.

Notwithstanding paragraph (f)(4) of §26.45, Wabash Municipal Airport proposed goals will not be implemented until this requirement has been met.