

**For Immediate Release (February 10, 2020)**

## **HDOT Seeks Public Input on Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for HDOT Contracts and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Goals for HDOT Airport Concessions**

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is seeking comments on its proposed overall triennial goals for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation in contracts using federal funds. HDOT is also seeking comments on proposed revisions to certain current overall DBE goals. HDOT is setting overall ACDBE goals for airport concessions as well. The Draft Availability and Disparity Study, which provides information about the overall goals, has been published for public comment as well. (HDOT published a preliminary Availability Study and preliminary goals in summer 2019; the newly completed Availability and Disparity Study resulted in revisions to those goals.)

Based on the Draft Availability and Disparity Study results, HDOT is proposing to revise its DBE goal to be 17.26% for its Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)-funded contracts for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 through FFY 2022. The goal represents the portion of all FHWA-funded contract dollars that would go to DBEs absent the effects of discrimination.

HDOT also plans to attempt to meet all of the 17.26% overall goal for FHWA-funded contracts through race-neutral initiatives such as HDOT technical assistance and a new Small Business Enterprise (SBE) contract goals program. Firms currently certified as DBEs will be automatically eligible to be SBEs, and other small businesses that are not socially disadvantaged can apply for SBE certification as well.

In addition, HDOT is proposing revised DBE goals of 6.76% for its Federal Aviation Administration-funded contracts for the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu and 28.13% for Kahului Airport on Maui. These goals are also for FFY 2020 through FFY 2022. These goals will also be met through race-neutral measures such as SBE contract goals.

HDOT's proposed goals for FAA-funded contracts for Federal Fiscal Years 2021 through FFY 2023 are 12.66% for Kona International Airport, 15.64% for Hilo International Airport and 8.84% for Lihue Airport.

HDOT must set new overall DBE goals for its contracts funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Federal Fiscal Years 2021 through FFY 2023. HDOT is proposing an overall DBE goal of 14.63%, all of which it plans to meet through neutral means.

HDOT also operates the federal Airport Concessions DBE (ACDBE) Program at its airports. New ACDBE goals must be set for two of its airports for FFY 2021 through FY 2023. HDOT is proposing overall ACDBE goals of 7.72% for Honolulu International Airport and 12.25% for Kahului airports, all of which is projected to be met through race-neutral means such as small business goals for certain concessions contracts.

HDOT will submit revised goals to USDOT in March 2020 and the proposed new three-year goals to USDOT for review and approval by August 1<sup>st</sup>. New goals will be effective October 1, 2020. HDOT is requesting that all comments be received by March 11, 2020.

The revised DBE and ACDBE goals will be posted on HDOT's Office of Civil Rights website at <http://www.hidot.hawaii.gov/administration/ocr/dbe/>.

HDOT invites the public to attend a public meeting on February 24 to learn more about the DBE and ACDBE goals and provide their comments.

## **Public Meetings**

The meeting will be held in Honolulu from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020, with remote viewing at district offices on Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Island.

### **Honolulu**

Hawaii Department of Transportation  
869 Punchbowl Street, 5th Floor Conference Room  
Honolulu, HI 96813

### **Maui**

Highways Division Maui District Office  
650 Palapala Drive  
Kahului, HI 96732

### **Kauai**

Highways Division Kauai District Office  
1720 Haleukana Street  
Lihue, HI 96766

### **Hilo**

Highways Division Hawaii District Office  
50 Makaala Street  
Hilo, HI 96720

## Document Locations

All documents related to the proposed goal and methodology will be available online at <http://www.hidot.hawaii.gov/administration/ocr/dbe/> for review beginning February 10, 2020, and during normal business hours at the following locations:

HDOT Office of Civil Rights  
200 Rodgers Boulevard  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.  
Phone: (808) 831-7912

Comments on the proposed goal and methodology can be made at any time during the public comment period. Provide comments through:

- Verbal testimony at a public meeting.
- Online at <https://www.keenindependent.com/hdotdisparitystudy2019/>.
- Email at [HDOTdisparitystudy2019@keenindependent.com](mailto:HDOTdisparitystudy2019@keenindependent.com).

The comment period closes on March 11, 2020. All comments will be reviewed before submitting the DBE and ACDBE goals to USDOT.

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If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Curtis Motoyama, DBE Program Supervisor, at (808) 831-7931 or [curtis.s.motoyama@hawaii.gov](mailto:curtis.s.motoyama@hawaii.gov) as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request. Upon request, this notice is available in alternate formats such as large print, Braille, or electronic copy.