

## Public Notice

The Fresno Council of Governments, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, adopts a triennial disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal to apply in Fresno COG awarded contracts funded with federal, state and local grants. On May 30, 2024, in public hearing, the Fresno COG Policy Board will adopt Resolution 2024-08, approving the three year goal for 2024-25 through 2026-27. The goal applies to a variety of technical transportation and air quality related studies funded by Federal Highways, and Federal Transit Administration programs itemized in the Fresno COG 2024-25 Overall Work Program and budget. Also included is a Federal Transit Administration 5339 grant passed on to Fresno Rural Transit Agency to build a transit maintenance facility.

The triennial DBE goal takes into consideration the availability of certified DBE's in Fresno COG's local market area. It also considers a Disparity Study done by the state Department of Transportation which determined three groups exhibited disparity indices substantially below parity and are presumed to be disadvantaged; Black American, Hispanic American and Native American. Two additional groups displayed disparity indices below parity but did not reach the threshold considered substantial; White Woman-Owned Business and Subcontinent Asian American.

Request for proposals will be solicited from qualified consultants at various times during the fiscal year. Any firm with technical qualifications to perform these projects may apply to be added to Fresno COG's RFP listing. Firms wishing to qualify as a DBE must provide a current certification in compliance with 49 CFR Part 26, issued by the State of California, Department of Transportation, the National Economic Development Administration, the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno or some other certifying governmental agency.

The public hearing will held on May 30, 2024 in the Sequoia Room at the Fresno COG office. The Conference Room is accessible to the disabled. Individuals with disabilities may call Fresno COG (with 3-working day advance notice) to request auxiliary aids necessary to participate in the public hearing. Translation services are available (with 3-day advance notice) to participants speaking any language with available professional translation services.

Records pertaining to Fresno COG's DBE program are on file at the Fresno COG office at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno CA and open to public inspection during normal business hours for 30 days from this notice. Fresno COG will accept comments on the DBE program for 45 days from this notice. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Les Beshears, Finance Director at 559 233-4148.

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Fresno Council of Governments