

**TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM
OVERALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
GOAL AND METHODOLOGY
FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFY) 2019/21
*(Covering the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021)***

I. INTRODUCTION

Torrance Transit System (Torrance Transit) is required to develop and submit a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal for DBE participation as a condition of receiving federal assistance, pursuant to Section 1101 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; 49 CFR Part 26 “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in U.S. Department of Transportation Programs”; and the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Master Agreement.

II. BACKGROUND

Effective April 24, 2006, Torrance Transit implemented a wholly race-neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with directives issued by the Department of Transportation. As a result of the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision in the Western States Paving Co. v. United States & Washington State Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a NOTICE (guidance) (Docket No. FTA-2006-24063) on March 23, 2006 stipulating a Notice of New Policy implementation and requests for comments to Public Transportation Providers regarding DOT’s DBE Program.

PERTINENT ASPECTS OF THE GUIDANCE (NOTICE):

- If a recipient does not currently have sufficient evidence of discrimination or its effects, then the recipient would submit an all race-neutral overall DBE goal for FFY 2007 and forward.
- The recipient submission shall include a statement concerning the absence of adequate evidence of discrimination and its effects and a description of plans to either conduct a disparity/availability study or other appropriate evidence gathering process to determine the existence of discrimination or its effects on the recipient’s marketplace.
- An action plan describing the study and timeline for its completion should also be included.
- Effective April 24, 2006, FTA recipients, are required to implement a race-neutral DBE Program to ensure compliance with the Ninth Circuit Court’s decision in the Western States v. United States & Washington State DOT ruling.
- Recipients will be required to continue to monitor, collect and report participation and utilization of DBEs on Federal-aid contracts.
- All DOT Federal-Aid procurements shall contain Race-Neutral DBE solicitation and contract language.

Accordingly, Torrance Transit hereby presents its Overall DBE Goal Methodology for FFY 2019/21.

III. DOT-ASSISTED CONTRACTING PROGRAM FOR FFY 2019/21

Table 1 represents Torrance Transit’s DOT-assisted contracting program that was considered in preparing its **Overall DBE Goal-Setting Methodology**. The fiscal years’ contracting program includes four (4) DOT-(FTA) assisted projects, which include shop equipment procurements, shop retrofitting, and facility operations and maintenance, which were assessed in preparing the Torrance Transit’s **Overall DBE Goal-Setting Analysis**. Torrance Transit does not have any sub-recipients for the anticipated fiscal year 2019-2021. All projects listed have viable contracting and subcontracting possibilities and are anticipated to be awarded with the given federal fiscal years 2019/21, a required criterion for Overall DBE goal preparation.

Table 1

PROJECT	NAICS CUCP DATABASE ¹	TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	ESTIMATED FEDERAL DOLLAR SHARE	DBE FEDERAL FUNDING
Purchase and Installation of Bus Operator Driving Simulator	333318	\$345,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$581.40
Preventative Maintenance	811111	\$2,250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bus Tires	423130	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
On Board Security Camera System	561612	\$654,788.00	\$40,000.00	\$3,712.00
Bus Replacement Vehicles	485113	\$6,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bus Shelter	236220 337127	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000	\$21,337.58
Single Point Sign-In System	334111	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Above Ground Tank Replacement	336390 236220 541330	\$270,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$1,839.77
Storage Facility	332311 236220 541330	\$250,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,526.73
Air Compressor	333912	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

¹ Refer to Attachments I and II for corresponding detail of all work trades grouped under the primary NAICS Codes.

Payroll Interface Software	541214	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Digital Communication Boards	334310	\$7,200.00	\$500.00	\$12.82
Transit Facility Remodeling Phase 2.1	236220 541330	\$600,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,025.82
Solar-Powered, Self-Compacting Trash Receptacles	333318	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$3,466,988.00	\$247,000.00	\$34,036.12
TOTAL (Without Exempted)		\$12,216,988.00	\$247,000.00	\$34,036.12

*The projects (shaded in gray), were exempted from this FFY 2019/21 analysis as the Preventative Maintenance project will be utilizing funds strictly for operating costs and the Replacement Vehicles project will be electing to procure this under the TVM process to fulfill this requirement.

Table 2 provides a summary of work grouped into three (10) categories: Machinery Manufacturing, Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods, Investigation and Security Services, Construction of Buildings, Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing, Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing, Architectural and Structural Metal Manufacturing, Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing, Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services, and Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing utilizing the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) work categories and comparable 2012 Census Business Patterns NAICS Work Codes. **Table 2** also identifies the estimated Federal Dollar Share and Percent of Federal Funding that Torrance Transit intends to let in the upcoming 3 federal fiscal years, as follows:

Table 2

CONTRACT CATEGORY	NAICS CUCP DATABASE²
Machinery Manufacturing	333318
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	423130
Investigation and Security Services	561612
Construction of Buildings	236220
Institutional Furniture Manufacturing	337127
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	334111
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	336390

² Refer to Attachments I and II for corresponding detail of all work trades grouped under the primary NAICS Codes.

Engineering Services	541330
Architectural and Structural Metals Manufacturing	332311
Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	333912
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	541214
Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing	334310

IV. GOAL METHODOLOGY

Step 1: Determination of a Base Figure (26.45)³

To establish Torrance Transit’s Base Figure of the relative availability of DBEs to all comparable firms (DBE and Non-DBEs) available to propose on Torrance Transit’s FFY 2019/21 DOT-assisted contracting opportunities projected to be solicited; Torrance Transit followed one of the five prescribed federal goal-setting methodologies in accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 26 regulations. This was accomplished by accessing the *California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) Directory of Certified DBE Firms* and the *2016 U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns (CPB) Database*. Comparisons were made within Torrance Transit’s market area (defined as Los Angeles County) and by specified industries and types of businesses identified in Table 2. Torrance Transit’s local market area represents where the substantial majority of Torrance Transit’s contracting dollars are expended and/or where the substantial majority of contractors and subcontractor’s bids or quotes are received. **Torrance Transit does not have any sub-recipients for the anticipated fiscal year 2018-2020.**

Torrance Transit made a concerted effort to ensure that the scope of businesses included in the numerator was as close as possible to the scope included in the denominator. For corresponding detail of all work category classifications grouped, refer to *Attachments I and II*.

- For the numerator: CUCP Directory of Certified DBE Firms
- For the denominator: Census Bureau’s Business Pattern Database

To determine the relative availability of DBEs, Torrance Transit divided the numerator⁴ representing the ratio of ready, willing and able DBE firms, by the denominator⁵ representing all firms (DBE and Non-DBEs) available in each work category. Application of this formula yielded the following baseline information:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Ready, Willing and Able DBEs}}{\text{Number of All Available Firms (including DBEs and Non-DBEs)}} = \text{BASE FIGURE}$$

³ §26.45 represents Title 49 CFR Part 26 regulatory referenced section.

⁴ Numerator represents all applicable available DBE firms established within Torrance Transit’s market area.

⁵ Denominator represents all comparable available established firms.

The Base Figure was further adjusted by weighting the relative availability of DBEs grouped within the primary work category. The Base Figure resulting from this weighted calculation is as follows:

Step 1: Base Figure: weighted by type of work to be performed and corresponding contracting dollars

Project: Purchasing and Installation of Bus Operator Driving Simulator

333318 Machinery Manufacturing	
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{\text{(DBEs in NAICS 333318)}}{\text{(CBPs in NAICS 333318)}} \right)$
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{1}{43} \right)$
Base Figure =	0.02 X \$25,000.00
Base Figure=	\$581.40

Project: Bus Tires

423130 Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{\text{(DBEs in NAICS 423130)}}{\text{(CBPs in NAICS 423130)}} \right)$
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{2}{92} \right)$
Base Figure =	0.22 X \$0.00
Base Figure =	\$0.00

Project: On Board Security Camera System

561612 Investigation and Security Services	
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Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 561612})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 561612})} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{58}{625} \right)$
Base Figure = 0.09 X \$40,000.00
Base Figure = \$3,712.00

Project: Bus Shelter

337127 Institutional Furniture Manufacturing	236220 Construction of Buildings
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 337127})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 337127})} \right)$	Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 236220})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 236220})} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{2}{25} \right)$	Base Figure = $\left(\frac{199}{917} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{2}{25} + \frac{199}{917} \right) = 0.21$	
Base Figure = 0.213 X \$100,000.00 = \$21,337.58	

Project: Single Point Sign-In System

334111 Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 334111})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 334111})} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{3}{13} \right)$
Base Figure = 0.23 X \$0.00
Base Figure = \$0.00

Project: Above Ground Tank Replacement

541330 Engineering Services	236220 Construction of Buildings
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<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 541330})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 541330})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{54}{1600} \right)$</p>	<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 236220})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 236220})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{199}{917} \right)$</p>
<p>336390 Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing</p>	
<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 336390})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 336390})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{33}{48} \right)$</p>	
<p>Base Figure = $\left[\frac{54}{1600} + \frac{199}{917} + \frac{33}{48} \right] = 0.11$</p> <p>Base Figure = $0.11 \times \\$16,500.00 = \mathbf{\\$1,839.77}$</p>	

Project: Storage Facility

<p>541330 Engineering Services</p>	<p>236220 Construction of Buildings</p>
<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 541330})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 541330})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{54}{1600} \right)$</p>	<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 236220})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 236220})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{199}{917} \right)$</p>
<p>332311 Architectural and Structural Metals Manufacturing</p>	
<p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 332311})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 332311})} \right)$</p> <p>Base Figure = $\left(\frac{4}{8} \right)$</p>	
<p>Base Figure = $\left[\frac{54}{1600} + \frac{199}{917} + \frac{4}{8} \right] = 0.10$</p> <p>Base Figure = $0.10 \times \\$15,000.00 = \mathbf{\\$1,526.73}$</p>	

Project: Air Compressor

333912	
Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 333912})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 333912})} \right)$
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{4}{6} \right)$
Base Figure =	0.67 X \$0.00
Base Figure =	\$0.00

Project: Payroll Interface Software

541214	
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 541214})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 541214})} \right)$
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{16}{212} \right)$
Base Figure =	0.75 X \$0.00
Base Figure =	\$0.00

Project: Digital Communication Board

334310	
Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing	
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{(\text{DBEs in NAICS 334310})}{(\text{CBPs in NAICS 334310})} \right)$
Base Figure =	$\left(\frac{1}{39} \right)$
Base Figure =	0.26 X \$500.00
Base Figure =	\$12.82

Project: Transit Facility Remodeling Phase 2.1

541330 Engineering Services	236220 Construction of Buildings
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{\text{DBEs in NAICS 541330}}{\text{CBPs in NAICS 541330}} \right)$	Base Figure = $\left(\frac{\text{DBEs in NAICS 236220}}{\text{CBPs in NAICS 236220}} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{54}{1600} \right)$	Base Figure = $\left(\frac{199}{917} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{54}{1600} + \frac{199}{917} \right) = 0.10$	
Base Figure = $0.10 \times \$50,000.00 = \mathbf{\$5,025.82}$	

Project: Solar-Powered, Self-Compacting Trash Receptacles

333318 Machinery Manufacturing
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{\text{DBEs in NAICS 333318}}{\text{CBPs in NAICS 333318}} \right)$
Base Figure = $\left(\frac{1}{43} \right)$
Base Figure = $.02 \times \$0.00$
Base Figure = \$0.00

BASE FIGURE
Total DBE Funding = \$581.40 + \$0.00 + \$3,712.00 + \$21,337.58 + \$0.00 + \$1,839.77 + \$1,526.73 + \$0.00 + \$0.00 + \$12.82 + \$5,025.82 + \$0.00 = \$34,036.12
Base Figure = $\frac{\text{Total DBE Funding}}{\text{Total Federal Funding}} = \frac{\\$34,036.12}{\\$247,000.00} = \mathbf{13.78\%}$

Step 2: Adjusting the Base Figure

Upon establishing the Base Figure, Torrance Transit reviewed and assessed other known evidence potentially impacting the relative availability of DBEs within Torrance Transit’s market area, in accordance with prescribed narrow tailoring provisions set forth under 49 CFR Part 26.45 Step II; DBE Goal Adjustment guidelines.

Evidence considered in making an adjustment to the Base Figure included Torrance Transit’s *Past DBE Goal Attainments, Disparity Studies, and other Agencies’ DBE Goals and Attainments within Torrance Transit’s jurisdiction and Other Evidence*. A summary of these considered follows:

A. Past DBE Goal Attainments

Torrance Transit expects to have similar contracting opportunities in the up-coming triennial cycle as previously proposed. Table 2 in previous section serves to identify the estimated Federal Dollar Share and Percent of Federal Funding that Torrance Transit intend to let in the upcoming 3 federal fiscal years.

The following table below reflects the demonstrated capacity of DBEs (measured by actual historical DBE participation attainments) on FTA-assisted contracts awarded by Torrance Transit within the last five (5) Federal Fiscal Years:

Table 4

YEAR	TOTAL FEDERAL DOLLAR SPENT	TOTAL FEDERAL DOLLAR AWARDED TO DBEs	% OF DBE ATTAINMENT
2017	\$ 1,033,886.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
2016	\$ 1,432,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%
2015	\$ 575,465.94	\$ 0.00	0.00%
2014	\$ 2,092,425.58	\$ 91,090.32	4.35%
2013	\$ 2,226,452.08	\$ 98,394.00	4.42%
2012	\$ 5,160,794.92	\$ 162,970.00	3.16%
Median of Past Attainments: 1.58%			

Torrance Transit considered an adjustment to the Base Figure based on historical DBE goal attainments on DOT-assisted contracts completed within the past six FFYs (2012/17). In order to properly adjust the base figure as part of Step 2, Torrance Transit reviewed and assessed past DBE Goal Attainments. Based on historical data from FY 2012 through 2017 (0%, 0%, 0%, 3.16%, 4.42%, 4.35%), the historical median percentage of DBE attainment was 1.58%. Using the formula provided in the “Tips for Goal-Setting in the Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program” document, the adjusted DBE goal should be the sum of the historical median and base figure (13.78%), divided by 2. After analyzing the relevant factors, particularly Torrance Transit’s past DBE attainments, the final **Overall DBE Goal is 7.68%**.

B. Evidence from Disparity Studies

Torrance Transit did not find it feasible to conduct its own independent availability/disparity study; however, Torrance Transit considered the State of California Department of

Transportation's (Caltrans) Disparity Study (Study). The Study was initiated to determine the existence of discrimination or its effects within the state of California. Torrance Transit reviewed the results and determined that the Caltrans Study is not applicable due to the difference in location, specifically Caltrans' study examined opportunities in the entire state of California rather than focusing on a market area similar to the City's. Additionally, there was a difference in the types of contracting opportunities, specifically contract type. Upon review of the Study, it only took into consideration prime and subcontractor construction and engineering contracts which do not coincide with the types of projects to be let by Torrance Transit in the upcoming triennial period.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (LACMTA) or LA Metro, has conducted a disparity study in their 2012 DBE Program Disparity Study. The study documented a disparity for African Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and (updated in 2013) Caucasian females.

However, in conformance with the Ninth Circuit Court decision relative to its FTA-assisted projects, factor noted above were considered and **Torrance Transit did not make an adjustment under this factor at this time**. Torrance Transit will continue to review applicable Disparity Studies as they become available and apply the appropriate adjustments to their DBE Program.

C. Other Agencies DBE Goals

Torrance Transit surveyed other FTA-recipients (local agencies) within its jurisdiction, with similar contracting programs to assess their DBE goals and attainments toward making an adjustment. Gardena Transit with an overall DBE goal of 5.66%, Culver City Bus with 6.69%, Big Blue Bus with 4.35%, all are within the range as Torrance Transit's proposed over DBE goal for similar size agency sharing similar geographic location. **Torrance Transit did not make an adjustment based on this factor**.

D. Other Evidence

Torrance Transit did not receive any anecdotal evidence nor is aware of any other factors or adverse considerations that would have had a material affect on DBEs availability within Torrance Transit's market place, or on DBEs ability to participate (meeting bonding, insurance and financial requirements) in Torrance Transit's FTA-assisted contracting programs. Therefore, no goal adjustment was made in consideration of this factor. However, Torrance Transit will continue to explore and consider all available evidence that would materially affect the opportunities for DBEs to form, grow, and compete in Torrance Transit's FTA-assisted contracting programs.

OVERALL RESULTANT GOAL ADJUSTMENTS:

After careful consideration of the above and other relevant factors, particularly, Torrance Transit's historical DBE attainments and its unique contracting program, the Base Figure of **13.78%** was adjusted, resulting to Torrance Transit's Overall DBE Goal of **7.68%**.

V. RACE-NEUTRAL MEASURES

The Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2019/21 for the Torrance Transit’s DOT-assisted contracts is 7.68%. In order to properly calculate the race/gender-neutral and race/gender-conscious split, Torrance Transit analyzed and assessed the past attainment goals and the amount that the agency exceeded our goals in the past. The Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2016-18 was 6%. Based on a full race/gender-neutral approach, the difference between goal and achievement represents participation that exceeded our previous overall race/gender-neutral goal of 6%. Even though Torrance Transit did not meet our goal for FFY 2016-18, Torrance Transit will continue to commit to strictly implement race-neutral measures to meet our Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2018-20, in conformance with Title 49 CFR Part 26; “Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Program”.

Table 5

Year	% of DBE Attainment	% of Race-Neutral Exceeded Goal
2017	0	0
2016	0	0
2015	0	0

Torrance Transit will strictly implement race-neutral measures to meet its Overall DBE Goal objectives in accordance with 49 CFR Par 26.51, including but not limited to:

- Arranging timely solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBEs and other small business firms’ participation.
- Unbundling large contracts to make them more accessible to small businesses, requiring or encouraging Service Providers to subcontract portions of work that they might otherwise perform with their own work forces.
- Providing information and communications programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities.
- Providing assistance to interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, and/or insurance requirements.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND FACILITATION

In accordance with Public Participation Regulatory Requirements of Title 49 CFR Part 26, minority, women, local business chambers, and community organizations within Torrance Transit’s market area will be provided an opportunity to review the goal analysis. Torrance Transit prepared Outreach Consultation Letters advising the aforementioned business community of the proposed DBE goals analysis and its availability for review.

Torrance Transit also issued a Public Notice in a general circulation media and in at least one other minority/trade focused media publishing Torrance Transit's proposed Race-Neutral Overall DBE Goal for the FFY 2019/21 DOT-assisted contracts. Such Notice will inform the public that the proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection at Torrance Transit's principal office during normal business hours for 30 days following the date of the Public Notice and that Torrance Transit will accept comments on the goal analysis for 45 days from the date of the Public Notice. Additionally, Torrance Transit has published the Public Notice of the proposed Overall DBE goal in local area publications (L.A. Times, The Daily Breeze, and La Opinion newspapers) on August 17, 2018. Prior notifications had been sent out with a series of letters that include a copy of the proposed goal and goal setting methodology sent to DBE community leaders. Attached is a copy of the letter sent and a mailing list of DBE stakeholders that the letters were sent to. Torrance Transit also hosted a "Coffee and Discussion" meeting with DBE stakeholders to engage the community with our DBE goals and goal setting methodology. The event took place on September 12, 2018 from 9am to 12pm. Additionally, Torrance Transit staff also performed outreach and solicited comments at the Los Angeles County Transportation Business Advisory Council (TBAC) on September 6, 2018. TBAC is comprised of professional business associations representing an array of industries and trades. TBAC plays an important role in advocating for small business owners to have increased access to Metro contracting opportunities. The Chair and Vice-Chair of TBAC thanked Torrance Transit for our presentation and invited members to contact staff for additional information. Additionally, a larger area will be canvassed and more DBE identified firms will be notified and invited to participate.

Torrance Transit posted our DBE goal and goal setting methodology on our website under "About Us – Bid and RFP List". Please see the attached screenshot and link to the published goal and methodology on our website.

<https://transit.torranceca.gov/about-us/bid-and-rfp-list/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-dbe>

PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTION:

Torrance Transit received two inquires about the DBE Plan. The first was from a DBE registered company who wished to view the plan and asked for direction on how to locate it on the Torrance Transit website. Instruction was given over the phone and the individual stated they would call back upon reviewing the plan if they had questions. The second inquiry was from an individual named "Mark" who also reported he was the owner of a DBE firm that specialized in Tile Installation Work. Mark asked if Torrance Transit being "Race Neutral" meant that DBE firms were not allowed to participate in solicitations. Transit staff advised Mark that Torrance Transit encouraged DBE firms to participate and that the Race Neutral designation simply meant funds were not specifically set aside for DBE firms on projects. Mark thanked staff and said he would check online bids and RFP's for potential opportunities with Torrance Transit.



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Torrance Transit is committed to providing a fair and level playing field with regard to contracting and employment opportunities. Torrance Transit establishes goals, evaluates bids and specifications to identify potential barriers to participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and monitors contracts to ensure the contractors meet their commitments to utilizing listed firms.

After careful consideration of the above and other relevant factors, particularly, Torrance Transit's historical DBE attainments and its unique contracting program, Torrance Transit's Overall DBE Goal is presently **6%**.

[Torrance Transit DBE Plan \(revised 5/9/17\)](#)

[Torrance Transit DBE Plan \(revised 8/14/18\)](#)

[DBE Community Letter - 2018](#)

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ATTACHMENT I

**TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM
 Overall DBE FTA Goal
 Federal Fiscal Years 2019/21**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMERATOR

**# OF ESTABLISHED DBE FIRMS BY PRIMARY WORK CATEGORIES WITHIN THE
 AUTHORITY'S MARKET AREA
 (DEFINED AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY)***

NAICS CODES	NAICS DESCRIPTION	Los Angeles County
333318	Machinery Manufacturing	1
423130	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	2
561612	Investigation and Security Services	58
236220	Construction of Buildings	199
337127	Institutional Furniture Manufacturing	2
334111	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	3
336390	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	33
541330	Engineering Services	54
332311	Architectural and Structural Metals Manufacturing	4
333912	Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	4
541214	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping and Payroll Services	16
334310	Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHED DBE FIRMS		377

* - DATA SOURCE: California UCP DBE Database for Certified Firms

ATTACHMENT II

**TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM
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 Federal Fiscal Years 2019/21**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DENOMINATOR

**# OF ESTABLISHED FIRMS (DBE AND NON-DBE) BY PRIMARY WORK
 CATEGORIES WITHIN THE
 AUTHORITY'S MARKET AREA
 (DEFINED AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY)***

NAICS CODES	NAICS DESCRIPTION	Los Angeles County	TOTAL
333318	Machinery Manufacturing	43	43
423130	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	92	92
561612	Investigation and Security Services	625	625
236220	Construction of Buildings	917	917
337127	Institutional Furniture Manufacturing	25	25
334111	Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	13	13
336390	Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	48	48
541330	Engineering Services	1600	1600
332311	Architectural and Structural Metals Manufacturing	8	8
333912	Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	6	6
541214	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping and Payroll Services	212	212
334310	Audio and Video Equipment Manufacturing	39	39
TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHED FIRMS		3,628	3,628

* - DATA SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau: County Business Patterns, NAICS Work
 Category Code