

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

For Immediate Release: June 25, 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCING PROPOSED OVERALL TRIENNIAL
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) AND AIRPORT CONCUSSION
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (ACDBE) GOAL**

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is seeking comments on its proposed overall triennial goals for DBE participation in contracts using federal funds. The Draft Availability Study, which provides information about the overall goals, has been published for public comment as well.

Based on the Draft Availability Study results, HDOT is proposing a preliminary DBE goal of 25.60% for its Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)-funded contracts for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 through FFY 2022. The preliminary goal represents the portion of all FHWA-funded contract dollars that would go to DBEs absent the effects of discrimination.

The 25.60% overall goal for FHWA-funded contracts is comprised of two parts: 9.74 % is projected to come from race-neutral initiatives, such as HDOT technical assistance and 15.86 % is projected to come from use of DBE contract goals (i.e. race conscious measures).

In addition, HDOT is proposing preliminary DBE goals of 19.07% for its Federal Aviation Administration-funded contracts for the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu and 28.94% for Kahului Airport on Maui. These goals are also for FFY 2020 through FFY 2022. These goals will be met by a combination of race-neutral measures and DBE contract goals.

HDOT also operates the federal ACDBE Program at its airports. New ACDBE goals must be set for two of its airports for FFY 2020 through FFY 2022. HDOT is proposing overall ACDBE goals of 0.00% for Lanai and 1.00% for Molokai airports; all of which is projected to be met through race-neutral means.

HDOT will submit these new three-year goals to United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for review and approval on August 1, 2019. New goals will be effective October 1, 2019. HDOT is requesting that all comments be received by July 26, 2019.

The proposed goals are preliminary because HDOT's full Availability and Disparity Study will not be completed until the fall of 2019. Therefore, HDOT may refine these goals and the race-neutral and race-conscious projections, if necessary, upon review of complete information in the full Study. Should HDOT determine that refinements are warranted, 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 come to public meetings in July to learn more about the proposed DBE goals and provide their comments.

Public Meetings

All meetings will be held from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. with the last part of each meeting reserved for a focus group discussion of marketplace conditions and the DBE Program.

July 9, 2019 – Honolulu

Daniel K. Inouye International Airport
Inter-island Terminal, 7th floor Conference room
400 Rodgers Boulevard
Honolulu, HI 96819

July 10, 2019 – Maui

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

July 11, 2019 – Kauai

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

July 12, 2019 – 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 June 25, 2019 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 hearing
- Online at <https://www.keenindependent.com/hdotdisparitystudy2019/>
- Email at HDOTdisparitystudy2019@keenindependent.com

The comment period closes on July 26, 2019. All comments will be reviewed before submitting the preliminary DBE goals to USDOT.

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 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.