1. DBE USAGE [102] (revised 11-16-23 M)

Contract specific goals are not placed on contracts; however, the Department has an overall 6.3% DBE goal it must achieve. To assist contractors in determining their DBE commitment level, the Department has reviewed the estimates for this contract, and has established an aspirational goal of Click here to enter DBE Aspirational Goal% DBE usage. Although not a contract requirement, the Department believes that the aspirational goal can realistically be achieved through race neutral measures based on current availability of DBEs and standard competitive procurement processes. While the utilization is not mandatory to be awarded the project, continuing utilization of DBE firms on contracts supports the success of Montana’s DBE Program.

Any project listing a 0% DBE aspirational goal does not mean that a DBE may not be used on that project. A 0% DBE aspirational goal may have been established due to any of the following reasons:

* Limited identified subcontracting opportunities;
* Minimal contract days; and/or,
* Small contract dollar amount.

Contractors are encouraged to identify any opportunities to subcontract to DBEs.

The Department's DBE directory may be found at the following website:

<https://app.mdt.mt.gov/ess-dbe/>.