

# Overall DBE Three-Year Goal Methodology

**Name of Recipient:** Columbus Regional Airport Authority

**Goal Period:** FY 2025-27 (10/1/2024 through 9/30/2027)

**DOT-assisted contract amounts:**

Year 1	\$8,505,379
Year 2	\$5,500,000
Year 3	\$7,055,700
Totals	\$21,061,079

**Overall Three-Year Goal:** 15.4%, to be accomplished through 14.4% Race Conscious and 1.0% Race Neutral

**Total dollar amount to be expended on DBEs:** \$3,246,976

**Describe the Number and Type of Contracts that the airport anticipates awarding:**

Contracts in Fiscal Year #1

1. LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4 - \$8,505,379

Contracts in Fiscal Year #2

1. LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4 - \$5,500,000

Contracts in Fiscal Year #3

1. LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4 - \$7,055,700

**Market Area**

State of Ohio

**Step 1.** Actual relative availability of DBEs

The base figure for the relative availability was calculated as follows:

Method: Use DBE Directories (<https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ODI/SDBE/Pages/DBE-Directory.aspx>) and Census Bureau Data (<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>).

Weighted Availability of DBE firms:

**Fiscal Year #1**

For 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025, award of the following is anticipated:

Project Name	Trade Description	NAICS Description	NAICS	Trade (\$)	Directory	Census	DBE (%)	DBE (\$) (= Trade \$ x DBE %)
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Concrete Paving	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	237310	\$3,304,886	85	301	28.2%	\$931,978
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Concrete/Placement Markings/Rubblizing	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	237310	\$144,594	85	301	28.2%	\$40,776
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Pavement Demolition	Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction	237310	\$373,020	85	301	28.2%	\$105,192
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Sewer Construction	Water and Sewer Line And Related Structures Construction	237110	\$315,004	24	272	8.8%	\$27,720
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Surveying & Mapping	Surveying & Mapping	541370	\$150,000	19	170	11.2%	\$16,800
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Underground Fuel Tank Removal	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction	237120	\$2,347,138	3	72	4.2%	\$98,580
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	General Conditions	General Conditions	238910	\$1,542,078	90	1,449	6.2%	\$95,609
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Excavation Contractors	General Conditions	238910	\$328,659	90	1,449	6.2%	\$20,377
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4				\$8,505,379			15.7%	\$1,337,031
Year 1 Total				\$8,505,379			0%	\$0

**Fiscal Year #2**

For 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2026, award of the following is anticipated:

Project Name	Trade Description	NAICS Description	NAICS	Trade (\$)	Directory	Census	DBE (%)	DBE (\$) (= Trade \$ x DBE %)
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LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Concrete Paving	High, Street, and Bridge Construction	237310	\$4,583,332	85	301	28.2%	\$1,292,500
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Engineering Services	Engineering Services	541330	\$443,784	67	1,641	4.1%	\$18,195
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Construction Inspection	Building Construction Services	541350	\$400,125	4	190	2.1%	\$8,403
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Surveying & Mapping	Surveying & Mapping	541370	\$14,553	19	170	11.2%	\$1,630
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Testing Laboratories	Materials Testing	541380	\$58,206	13	280	4.6%	\$2,677
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4				\$5,500,000			24.1%	\$1,323,405
Year 2 Total				\$5,500,000			24.1%	\$1,323,405

### Fiscal Year #3

For 10/1/2026 - 9/30/2027, award of the following is anticipated:

Project Name	Trade Description	NAICS Description	NAICS	Trade (\$)	Directory	Census	DBE (%)	DBE (\$) (= Trade \$ x DBE %)
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	General Conditions	Industrial Building Construction	236210	\$5,856,231	10	109	9.2%	\$538,773
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Engineering Services	Engineering Services	541330	\$564,456	67	1,641	4.1%	\$23,143
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Construction Inspection	Building Construction Services	541350	\$493,899	4	190	2.1%	\$10,372
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Surveying & Mapping	Surveying & Mapping	541370	\$70,557	19	170	11.2%	\$7,902
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4	Testing Laboratories	Materials Testing	541380	\$70,557	26	289	9.0%	\$6,350
LCK Ramp 3 Reconstruction Phase 4				\$7,055,700			8.3%	\$586,540
Year 3 Total				\$7,055,700			8.3%	\$586,540

The base goal projection after weighting is as follows:

- Total Weighted DBE Availability: **\$3,246,976**
- Total for All Trades: **\$21,061,079**

Dividing the weighted DBE totals by the total estimate for all trades gives a base DBE availability figure for the projects anticipated during the goal-setting period. This figure is expressed as a percentage and serves as the basis for the three-year overall goal.

Base of DBE Goal: **15.4%**

The DBE Goal for 2025 will need to be reduced to 0% Race Conscious and 1% Race Neutral due to the application of the injunction in the Mid-America Milling v. USDOT case. CRAA only has one project planned for 2025. It was issued with a goal of 15%, but was later required to be amended to remove the DBE goal due to the plaintiff's in the Mid-America Milling case notifying the DOJ that they intended to bid as a subcontractor. It is anticipated that the awarded bidder will have a small percentage of DBE spend, which will count toward the race neutral goal.

Columbus Regional Airport Authority will meet the maximum feasible portion of the overall goal by using race-conscious means of facilitating DBE participation, namely project specific participation goals. Additional steps and actions that Columbus Regional Airport Authority may take include but not limited to the list below:

1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications, and delivery schedules in ways that facilitates DBE, and other small businesses, participation;
2. Providing assistance in overcoming limitations such as inability to obtain bonding or financing;
3. Providing technical assistance and other services;
4. Carrying out information and communications programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities;
5. Implementing a supportive services program to develop and improve immediate and long-term business management, record keeping, and financial and accounting capability for DBEs and other small businesses;
6. Providing services to help DBEs and other small businesses improve long-term development, increase opportunities to participate in a variety of kinds of work, handle increasingly significant projects, and achieve eventual self-sufficiency;
7. Establishing a program to assist new, start-up firms, particularly in fields in which DBE participation has historically been low;
8. Ensuring distribution of DBE directory, through print and electronic means, to the widest feasible universe of potential prime contractors;
9. Assist DBEs and other small businesses, to develop their capability to utilize emerging technology and conduct business through electronic media.

Columbus Regional Airport Authority estimates that in meeting the established overall goal of 15.4%, it will obtain 1.0% from RN participation and 14.4% through RC measures.

This breakout is based on:

In Fiscal Years 22 through 24, Columbus Regional Airport Authority accomplishments for race-neutral participation had a median of 0% indicating that we have not achieved the race-neutral goal for each of those years. As a result this triennial goal will be mainly met through race-conscious means, therefore 1% of the 15.4% goal is anticipated to be met via race-neutral means and the remaining 14.4% through race-conscious participation.

Columbus Regional Airport Authority (Rickenbacker) will adjust the estimated breakout of race neutral and race conscious DBE participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation (see §26.51(f)) and track and report race neutral and race conscious participation separately. For reporting purposes, RN DBE participation includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following: DBE participation through a prime contract obtained through customary competitive procurement procedures; DBE participation through a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal, DBE participation on a prime contract exceeding a contract goal, and DBE participation through a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider a firm's DBE status in making the award.

## Consultation

In establishing the overall goal, Columbus Regional Airport Authority provided for consultation and publication. This process included consultation with minority, women's, and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials or organizations which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs. The consultation included a scheduled, direct, interactive exchange with as many interested stakeholders as possible focused on obtaining information relevant to the goal setting process, and was conducted before the goal methodology was submitted to the operating administration for review. Details of the consultation are as follows.

The consultation engaged in was a live video conference, which was held via virtual meeting on August 20, 2025 at 10:00am EDT. No comments were received.

A notice of the proposed goal was published on the Columbus Regional Airport Authority official website before the methodology was submitted to Federal Aviation Administration.

If the proposed goal changes following review by Federal Aviation Administration, the revised goal will be posted on Columbus Regional Airport Authority official website.

Notwithstanding paragraph (f)(4) of §26.45, Columbus Regional Airport Authority proposed goals will not be implemented until this requirement has been met.

## Sample Public Notice Language

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Columbus Regional Airport Authority hereby announces its proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of 15.4% for FAA-funded contracts/agreements. The proposed goal pertains to federal fiscal years 2026 through 2027 (10/1/2025 - 9/30/2027). The goal for 2025 is 0% due to the enforcement of a federal court injunction requiring CRAA to reduce the project goal from 15% to 0% on the only federally assisted contract awarded in 2025. A virtual meeting will be held on August 20, 2025 from 10:00-11:00am EDT for the purpose of consulting with stakeholders to obtain information relevant to the goal-setting process.

The link to join the meeting was: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YTIhYmQwOTMtOWNIMC00ZTMwLThmMTQtOTk4OGU0YWRm.../0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b98364ec-c180-4324-9bbe-4d7d8d69af94%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d7bbffc6-724e-4bd1-a141-d74e92832625%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTIhYmQwOTMtOWNIMC00ZTMwLThmMTQtOTk4OGU0YWRm.../0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b98364ec-c180-4324-9bbe-4d7d8d69af94%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d7bbffc6-724e-4bd1-a141-d74e92832625%22%7d)

No comments were received.