The City of Shreveport operates a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the City of Shreveport to ensure that DBEs have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts by:

- Ensuring that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- Helping remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
- Assisting with development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE Program.
DBEs are for-profit small business concerns where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least a 51% interest and also control management and daily business operations.

African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific and Subcontinent Asian Americans, and women are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged. Other individuals can also qualify as socially and economically disadvantaged on a case-by-case basis.

To be regarded as economically disadvantaged for FHWA and FTA projects, an individual must have a personal net worth that does not exceed $1.32 million. To be seen as a small business, a firm must meet SBA size criteria AND have average annual gross receipts not to exceed $26.29 million.
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The City of Shreveport is in the early phases of establishing its DBE goal for the period covering FFY2022 – FFY 2024. The goal setting process includes:

1. Identify planned capital projects by NAICS code
2. Research the Shreveport-Bossier market to determine a base figure for the relative availability of DBEs for each NAICS (http://www8.dotd.la.gov/UCP/UCPSearch.aspx)
3. Compare DBE data with data from U.S. Census Bureau to determine the base figure for DBE availability in the Shreveport-Bossier market for each NAICS
4. Using the planned project list, calculate a weighted availability for DBEs
5. Consult with community organizations, small businesses and minority groups to get their input on DBE goal (Expected May 2021)
6. Publish the draft goal and seek public comment (Expected June 2021)
When more eligible firms register as DBEs, this drives up the DBE goal because DBEs will make up a higher percentage of total firms in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Certified DBE firms need to make sure that they are certified for all NAICS codes that are applicable to their business. [http://www8.dotd.la.gov/UCP/Home.aspx](http://www8.dotd.la.gov/UCP/Home.aspx)

The most used NAICS codes on SporTran Capital Projects (historically) are:
- 238110 Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors
- 238910 Site Preparation Contractors
- 238210 Electrical Contractors
- 236220 Commercial and Institutional Building Construction
- 238310 Drywall and Insulation Contractors
- 238320 Painting and Wall Covering Contractors
- 238990 All Other Specialty Trade Contractors
- 541330 Engineering Services
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