RENO-TAHOE AIRPORT AUTHORITY DBE GOALS FY 2026 – 2028

Airport Sponsor: Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Reno Stead Airport

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Goal Period: From: October 1, 2026

Thru: September 30, 2028

Overall DBE Goal for FAA-Assisted Projects: 14.5%

Race-Neutral Goal: 2.2%

Race-Conscious Goal: 12.3%

DBE GOAL METHODOLOGY

This overall goal period for the Reno Stead Airport ("RTS") Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") Program covers Federal Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028, a three-year period, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2028. The Overall DBE Goal for the three-year period has been set in compliance with the methodologies described in CFR 49 Part 26 and subsequent guidance. FAA funding for AIP projects is anticipated to be approximately \$11.5 million over the three-year period.

Geographic Region

The relevant geographic market for contractors for RNO projects is defined as Northern Nevada, consisting of Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, and Mineral Counties because more than 75% of the companies performing projects (including federally funded contracts) at the Airport over the last five years are based in one of these counties. The methodology for determining the DBE goal is described below.

The methodology for setting the overall goal is as follows.

49 CFR Part 26, Section 26.45(b) states as follows:

Your overall goal must be based on demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing and able DBEs relative to all businesses ready, willing and able to participate on your DOT-assisted contracts (hereafter, the "relative availability of DBEs"). The goal must reflect your determination of the level of DBE participation you would expect absent the effects of discrimination. You cannot simply rely on either the 10 percent national goal, your previous overall goal or past DBE participation rates in your program without reference to the relative availability of DBEs in your market.

49 CFR Part 26, Section 26.45 further provides for a two-step process, consisting of:

Step 1 - Determine a Base Figure representing the Relative Availability of DBEs

and

Step 2 - Examine data to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the Base Figure

The regulation provides the following examples of potential approaches for accomplishing Step 1, determining the base figure, as follows:

- Use DBE Directories and Census Bureau Data. Determine the number of ready, willing and able DBEs in your market from your DBE directory. Using the Census Bureau's County Business Pattern (CBP) database, determine the number of all ready, willing and able businesses available in your market that perform work in the same NAICS codes.
- 2) Use a bidders list. Determine the number of DBEs that have bid or quoted on your DOT-assisted prime contracts or subcontracts in the previous year. Determine the number of all businesses that have bid or quoted on prime or subcontracts in the same time period. Divide the number of DBE bidders and quoters by the number for all businesses to derive a base figure for the relative availability of DBEs in your market.
- 3) Use data from a disparity study. Use a percentage figure derived from data in a valid, applicable disparity study.
- 4) Use the goal of another DOT recipient. If another DOT recipient in the same, or substantially similar, market has set an overall goal in compliance with this rule, you may use that goal as a base figure for your goal.
- Alternative methods. Subject to the approval of the DOT operating administration, you may use other methods to determine a base figure for your overall goal. Any methodology you choose must be based on demonstrable evidence of local market conditions and be designed to ultimately attain a goal that is rationally related to the relative availability of DBEs in your market.

We have elected to utilize the DBE Directories/Census Bureau data to determine the overall DBE goal for RNO as the most recent Disparity Study is approximately 10 years old.

Step 1 - Determine a Base Figure representing the Relative Availability of DBEs.

The base figure for the relative availability of DBEs has been determined by reviewing the trades to be utilized for FFY 2026 - 2028 anticipated projects and using the availability calculated by the number of firms in the Nevada UCP DBE Directory divided by the number of firms in the Census Bureau County Business Patterns database for each specific trade and then weighting the DBE availability by the anticipated trades.

RTS 2026 - 2028 Projects

Projects planned for award during fiscal years 2026 - 2028 are as follows:

FY 2026

- TWY A & Aircraft Apron Reconstruction-Adjacent Sections Phase 6
- TWY A & Aircraft Apron Reconstruction-Adjacent Sections Phase 6A

FY 2027

• TWY A & Aircraft Apron Reconstruction-Adjacent Sections Phase 7

FY 2028

• RTS TWY B and Connectors Rehabilitation (Design)

The trade classifications expected to be utilized for these projects are as follows:

Table 1 – AIP Projects/Trade Classifications			
Project	Trade Classification	Trade \$	
	Testing	541380	\$44,752
	Site Preparation Contractor	238910	\$447,525
	Trucking	484220	\$313,267
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Highway & Street Construction	237310	\$2,237,624
Apron Reconstruction- Adjacent Sections Phase 6	Water & Sewer & related Structures Construction	237110	\$1,342,574
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$44,752
	Surveyor	541370	\$44,752
Total Project			\$4,475,247
	Testing	541380	\$8,825
	Site Preparation Contractor	238910	\$88,253
	Trucking	484220	\$61,778
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Highway & Street Construction	237310	\$441,264
Apron Reconstruction- Adjacent Sections Phase 6	Water & Sewer & Related Structures Construction	237110	\$264,758
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$8,825
	Surveyor	541370	\$8,825
Total Project			\$882,528
Total FFY 2026			\$5,357,775
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Engineering Services	541330	\$537,891
Apron Reconstruction-	Testing	541380	\$268,946
Adjacent Sections Phase 6A	Site Preparation Contractor	238910	\$537,891

Table 1 – AIP Projects/Trade Classifications			
Project	Trade Classification NAICS		Trade \$
	Trucking	484220	\$376,524
	Highway & Street Construction	237310	\$2,259,142
	Water, Sewer and Related Construction	237110	\$1,290,938
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$53,789
	Surveyor	541370	\$53,789
Total Project			\$5,378,910
Total FFY 2027		\$5,378,910	
RTS TWY B and Connectors Rehabilitation	Engineering Services	541330	\$570,000
(Design)	Surveyor	541370	\$190,000
Total Project			\$760,000
Total FFY 2028			\$760,000
Total FFY 2026 - 2028	\$11,496,685		

DBE availability has been determined by utilizing the Nevada UCP DBE Directory and the Census Bureau County Business Patterns specific to the relevant geographic region. The availability by trade is as follows:

Table 2 - DBE Availability Percentages				
Trade	NAICS	2023 Census	Directory	%
Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction	237110	20	1	5.0%
Highway, Street & Bridge Construction	237310	17	5	29.4%
Electrical Contractors	238210	201	4	2.0%
Site Preparation Contractors	238910	105	10	9.5%
Trucking	484220	69	12	17.4%
Engineering Services	541330	199	4	2.0%
Surveying and Mapping (except Geophysical) Services	541370	14	2	14.3%
Testing Laboratories	541380	21	2	9.5%

The availability calculations from the above chart have been weighted by the anticipated expenditures for each trade classification as follows:

Table 3 - DBE \$ based on Project Expenditures by Trade Classification X DBE Availability					
Project	Trade Classification	NAICS	Trade \$	DBE %	DBE \$
	Testing	541380	\$44,752	2.0%	\$895
	Site Preparation Contr	238910	\$447,525	9.5%	\$42,515
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Trucking	484220	\$313,267	17.4%	\$54,509
Apron Reconstruction-	Highway & Street Constr	237310	\$2,237,624	29.4%	\$657,861
Adjacent Sections Phase 6	Water & Sewer & related Structures Construction	237110	\$1,342,574	5.0%	\$67,129
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$44,752	2.0%	\$895
	Surveyor	541370	\$44,752	9.5%	\$4,251
Total Project			\$4,475,247	18.5%	\$828,055
	Testing	541380	\$8,825	9.5%	\$838
	Site Preparation Contr	238910	\$88,253	9.5%	\$8,384
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Trucking	484220	\$61,778	17.4%	\$10,749
Apron Reconstruction-	Highway & Street Constr	237310	\$441,264	29.4%	\$129,732
Adjacent Sections Phase 6A	Water & Sewer & related Structures Construction	237110	\$264,758	5.0%	\$13,238
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$8,825	2.0%	\$177
	Surveyor	541370	\$8,825	9.5%	\$838
Total Project	•		\$882,528	18.6%	\$163,956
Total FFY 2026			\$5,357,775	18.5%	\$992,011
	Engineering Services	541330	\$537,891	2.0%	\$10,758
	Testing	541380	\$268,946	9.5%	\$25,550
RTS TWY A & Aircraft	Site Preparation Contr	238910	\$537,891	9.5%	\$51,100
Apron Reconstruction-	Trucking	484220	\$376,524	17.4%	\$65,515
Adjacent Sections Phase	Highway & Street Constr	237310	\$2,259,142	29.4%	\$664,188
7	Water, Sewer and Related Construction	237110	\$1,290,938	5.0%	\$64,547
	Electrical Contractor	238210	\$53,789	2.0%	\$1,076
	Surveyor	541370	\$53,789	9.5%	\$5,110
Total Project			\$5,378,910	16.5%	\$887,843
Total FFY 2027			\$5,378,910	16.5%	\$887,843
RTS TWY B and	Engineering Services	541330	\$570,000	2.0%	\$11,400
Connectors Rehabilitation (Design)	Surveyor	541370	\$190,000	9.5%	\$18,050
Total Project			\$760,000	3.9%	\$29,450
Total FFY 2028	\$760,000	3.9%	\$29,450		
Total FFY 2026 - 2028 \$11,4				16.6%	\$1,909,304

^{*}Note: The dollars to be spent for each trade (Table 1) have been multiplied by the DBE calculated availability (Table 2). The result of this calculation is the dollar amount that would be awarded to DBE firms if the award was a true reflection of the DBE availability.

The result of the above calculations yields a base goal of 16.6%.

Step 2 - Examine data to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the Base Figure.

Section 26.45(d) provides many examples of the types of data to examine in order to adjust the base figure. We have examined the volume of work performed by DBE firms over the past five (5) years in RTS projects. Our findings are as follows:

Total DBE participation for the most recent five (5) fiscal years has been calculated at \$1,427,450 which is 8.6% of the combined contract amounts of \$33,306,545. The following information will provide the history of DBE participation for each of these years:

Table 4 - Past History of DBE Participation				
Year	Total Contract \$	Total DBE \$	DBE % Accomplishment	DBE Goal
2024	No Awards			
2023	\$4,899,500	\$240,802	4.9%	12.5%
2022	\$3,745,625	\$726,295	19.4%	12.0%
2021	\$4,832,551	\$625,880	11.7%	12.0%
2020	\$4,636,636	\$540,200	13.0%	12.0%
Total	\$18,114,312	\$2,133,177	11.8%	12.1%
Median			11.7% + 13.0%= 24.7%/2 = 12.4 %	

The median goal accomplishment for the five-year period between 2020 and 2024 is 12.4% (excluding 2024 as there was no activity). Adjusting the weighted goal for past history results in the following:

12.4% (median goal accomplishment) + 16.6% (base goal) = 29.0%,
$$29.0\% \div 2 = 14.5\%$$

There is no other information suggesting further adjustment is necessary.

Therefore, we propose the overall goal for fiscal years 2026 – 2028 at 14.5%.

Race-Neutral versus Race-Conscious Goal

RTS achieved 15.3% of its total DBE participation over the least 4 years through race-neutral measures. The remaining participation (84.7% of total participation) was achieved through race conscious measures. We propose to apply this split to future participation. Therefore, 15.3% of the DBE goal of 14.5% (2.2%) is proposed to be met through race-neutral measures. The remaining 12.3% will be met through race-conscious measures.

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority ("RTAA") has, in the past, effectively utilized its Small Business Program as a race-neutral element of the DBE Program. RTS will continue the use of the Small Business Program to assist in meeting the race-neutral portion of its DBE Goal.

Additional race-neutral methods to be utilized to achieve the overall goal will include the following:

- a) Provide information on the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority organization, functions and its full range of contractual needs.
- b) Offer instructions and clarification on bid specifications, procurement policy, procedures, and general bidding requirements.
- c) Maintain a file of successful bid documents from past procurements and permit potential participants to review and evaluate such documents.
- d) Conduct debriefing sessions on each awarded contract to explain why certain bids were unsuccessful.
- e) Routinely issue projected procurement information.
- f) Provide instructions and clarification on job performance requirements.
- g) Provide information and assistance on certification procedures, subcontracting practices, bonding requirements.
- h) Arrange solicitations, time for presentation of bids, quantities, specifications and delivery schedules so as to facilitate the participation of DBEs.
- i) Utilize the RTAA Small Business Element

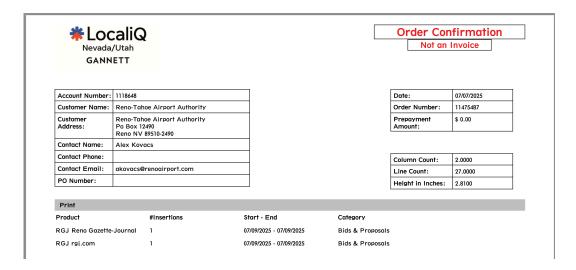
Public Participation

RTAA staff conducted a meeting to consult 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 airport's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs (the "Stakeholder Meeting"). Invitations were sent to firms on the RTAA bidder's list and DBEs certified by the Nevada UCP. The meeting was posted on RTAA's website and the Nevada Government EMarketplace. An ad was also placed in the local newspaper. The meeting was conducted on July 16, 2025. There were twelve (12) attendees. The following documents related to the Stakeholder Meeting are attached:

Attachment 1 – Flyer sent out to Stakeholders

Attachment 2 – Lists of persons/organizations receiving letter/flyer (in addition to all DBEs in our region from the NUCP Directory)

Attachment 3 - Attendance Record



Ad Preview

RENO-TAHOE AIRPORT AUTHORITY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOALS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2026-2028.

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) is required to

submit to the Federal Aviation Administration overall goals for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) in federally assisted projects. The goals were developed pursuant to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations contained in 49 CFR Part 26. The proposed FY 2026-2028 DBE goals and methodology are available on the Reno-Tahoe International **Airport** website https://www.renoairport.com/doing-business/diversity/ The final goals will be published once they are approved. Interested parties are invited to attend a virtual "zoom" stakeholder meeting to review the proposed goals and methodology and to provide information that may assist in the development of the final DBE goals for the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Reno-Stead Airport. The virtual "zoom" stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 1:30pm. Individuals who wish to participate in the meeting, must submit their contact information including name, company name, phone number, and email address to Lacy Glodowski Iglodowski@renoairport.com by no later than 12:00pm on Monday, July 14, 2025. Once the submitted contact information is received, the contact will receive an invite to the zoom meeting. July 9, 2025



Bid Opportunity Detail

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Bid Information

Туре	Informational Only
Status	Issued
Number	RTAA DBE Goals Stakeholder Meeting (RTAA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028 Stakeholder Meeting)
Issue Date & Time	7/7/2025 03:05:01 PM (PT)
Close Date & Time	7/14/2025 12:00:00 PM (PT)
Time Left	1 hours 37 minutes 52 seconds

Notes

Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028 Stakeholder Meeting

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) is in the process of setting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals for federally assisted capital improvement projects for federal fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

The RTAA is required to submit to the Federal Aviation Administration overall goals for participation by DBEs. RTAA DBE goals will be set for all federally-assisted capital improvement projects anticipated for the three-year period for Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Reno-Stead Airport.

Interested parties are invited to attend a virtual "Zoom" stakeholder meeting to review the proposed goals and methodology and to provide any information that may assist in the development of the final DBE goals for the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Reno-Stead Airport.

The stakeholder meeting will be conducted via a "Zoom" meeting. Individuals who wish to participate in the stakeholder meeting at 1:30pm, Wednesday, July 16, 2025, must submit their contact information including name, company name, phone number, and email address to Lacy Glodowski, Iglodowski@renoairport.com, by no later than 12:00pm, Monday, July 14, 2025. Once the submitted contact information is received, the contact will receive an invite to the "Zoom" meeting.

Bid Documents

Bid Attachments

File Name

RTAA Flyer for Stakeholder Meeting.pdf (please login to view this document)

RTAA DBE Goals Stakeholder Meeting.pdf (please login to view this document)

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