PUBLIC NOTICE

Vermont Agency of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Annual Goal on FAA-Funded Projects For Fiscal Years October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026

Pursuant to US Department of Transportation regulations contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, all state transportation agencies receiving US Department of Transportation financial assistance must establish overall percentage goals for the dollar value of work to be awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). This action has been deemed necessary in order to provide these businesses with the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. The Vermont Agency of Transportation is a recipient of US Department of Transportation financial assistance, and hereby establishes the following goal in accordance with these regulations:

In FY 2024 – FY 2026, VTrans intends to expend 2.6% of the federal financial assistance received from the Federal Aviation Administration with small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (DBEs). VTrans estimates that we will meet 2.0% of the overall goal through race-neutral (RN) means and 0.6% through race-conscious (RC) program.

Individuals who are interested in becoming a certified disadvantaged business enterprise in Vermont should contact:

Vermont Agency of Transportation Office of Civil Rights & Labor Compliance 219 North Main Street Barre, VT 05641 Sonya.boisvert@vermont.gov (802) 279-1330

A description of the methodology used in establishing this goal **can be viewed for 30 days** following the date of this notice during normal business hours at the above address. It is also available for viewing on our website: <u>http://vtrans.vermont.gov/civil-rights/doing-business/dbe-center/program-goals</u>

Comments pertaining to this overall goal will be accepted at the above referenced address for a period of forty-five days beginning on the date of publication of this notice. Comments will also be accepted by the FAA Office of Civil Rights, Room 1030, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591. Attention: <u>Kimberly L. Robinson Harris</u>, FAA DBE & ACDBE Program Compliance Specialist, New England Region.

Additional information about our DBE Program, including our current DBE Registry, certification application, resource guides and links to other small business resources can be obtained by visiting the DBE page of our website at: <u>http://vtrans.vermont.gov/civil-rights/doing-business/dbe-center</u>

All firms, both DBE and non-DBE, are invited to contact the Vermont Agency of Transportation for information regarding bidding opportunities on federally funded projects.

Dated July 31, 2024 at Barre, Vermont