

Goal and Methodology
—UPDATED—
Lafayette Regional Airport (LFT)
FYs 2016, 2017, 2018

Overall Goals (49 CFR Part 26.45)

Amount of Goal

The Lafayette Regional Airport (LFT or the Airport) will express our contract goals for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018, (October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018) as a percentage of the federal share of DOT-assisted contracts. The estimated goal is 8.3%

Market Area

The Market Area identified for LFT includes the following eight parishes:

- Acadia Parish, LA
- Evangeline Parish, LA
- Iberia Parish, LA
- Lafayette Parish, LA
- St. Landry Parish, LA
- St. Martin Parish, LA
- St. Mary Parish, LA
- Vermilion Parish, LA

This market area is concurrent with the Lafayette Small Business Development Center’s target area and best describes the location of businesses who will seek work at the Airport.

Capital Program

The following table shows upcoming projects anticipated for award during the reporting period.

LFT Capital Program	
Project	Budget
Runway 29 East End Design Phase II	\$990,000
Terminal Infrastructure Design –Phase I (Environmental/Conceptual)	\$2,529,356
Terminal Infrastructure Design – Phase II (Schematic/Functional)	\$6,579,356
Runway 29 East End Construction	\$10,350,000
Terminal Infrastructure – Airside Phase I & II	\$2,000,000
TOTAL	\$24,448,712

Method

In accordance with the current FAA and DOT guidance, the Airport is utilizing a two-step process in setting the goal. The first step examines the relative availability of DBE firms in the established market area and the second step allows for adjustments to the relative availability based on:

- Information from available Disparity Studies
- Information gained from research and outreach with:
 - Organizations servicing or representing DBEs
 - Federal, State and Local agencies to procure services
 - Agencies charged with enforcing Civil Rights Law
 - State and Local Agencies responsible for minority/women’s affairs
- Historical accomplishments of the Airport’s DBE program

STEP 1

The method used to calculate the relative availability of DBEs for Step 1 in this process is 26.45 (c) (4) the DBE goal of another DOT recipient. The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport is a similarly sized airport within the state of Louisiana and is located in a comparable market area. The Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport’s overall goal for FFY 2018-2020 is 10.37%.

This provides a Base Figure of 10.37%.

STEP 2

This step is intended to adjust the base figure percentage from Step 1 so that it reflects as accurately as possible the DBE participation the recipient would expect in the absence of discrimination.

The Airport searched out the availability of information from Disparity Studies. No documents of disparity studies for the area could be located.

Therefore, adjustments were made based on historical data as described below:

LFT DBE Accomplishments 2012-2017		
Fiscal Year	DBE Goal	DBE Accomplishment
FY 2012	8.6	5.81
FY 2013	5.5	N/A – No projects completed
FY 2014	5.5	7.18
FY 2015	7.31	N/A – No projects completed
FY 2016	7.31	N/A – No projects completed
FY 2017	7.31	N/A – No projects completed

The median accomplishment of these years is 6.18%.

(Base Figure) 10.37% + (Historical Median) 6.18% divided by 2 = 8.3% (Adjusted Overall Goal)

When the historical goal is compared with the base figure, the adjusted goal is 8.3%.

Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral (RN) and Race-Conscious (RC) Participation

The Airport will strive to meet the maximum feasible portion of its overall goal by using race-neutral means of facilitating DBE participation. The measures used to facilitate DBE participation includes:

- Inclusion of firms and other small businesses in project notifications
- Supplying of list of potential subcontractors to potential prime contractors
- Ensuring the widest feasible distribution of this program by utilizing the DOT UCP Directory
- Providing assistance to DBE and other small businesses with technical assistance in completing bid forms

Historically, Lafayette Regional Airport has used race-conscious measures in obtaining its overall contract goals on federally assisted contracts. It is estimated that, in meeting the overall adjusted goal of 8.3%, 0% will be obtained from race-neutral participation and 8.3% will be obtained from race-conscious measures (e.g. setting contract goals). The estimation of race-neutral participation and race-conscious measures percentages are based on past participation and established goals.

The Airport will use contract goals to meet any portion of the overall goal the Airport does not project being able to meet using race-neutral means. Contract goals are established so that, over the period to which the overall goal applies, they will cumulatively result in meeting any portion of the Airport's overall goal that is not projected to be met through the use of race-neutral means.

The Airport will establish contract goals only for those DOT - assisted contracts that have subcontracting possibilities. It is not necessary to establish a contract goal on every contract, and the size of contract goals will be adapted to the circumstances of each contract (e.g., type and location of work, availability of DBEs to perform the particular type of work).

Public Participation

The involvement of interested community and business stakeholders is the ultimate measure to gauge the fairness and effectiveness of ACDBE participation goals. The Airport currently and will continue to consult with, but not limited to, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Small Business Development Center, the One Acadiana, Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Economic Development Authority (LEDA), Lafayette Consolidated Government Business and Career Solutions, minority and women's business groups, community organizations, trade associations, as well as currently certified disadvantaged businesses, and other officials or organizations which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged businesses to increase participation of DBEs. At the time of this submittal, no information from minority stakeholders had been received based on recent contact. If or when such information becomes available, the Airport will provide an addendum to this report and re-submit to the FAA for further review.

The notice of the proposed overall goal will be available to the public for 30 days following the date of the notice and comments regarding these documents will be accepted for 45 days after the date the notice is published. The public notice will indicate the location where the proposal can be reviewed and where comments can be transmitted. The notice will be published in the following publications:

- The Lafayette Daily Advertiser
- The Acadiana Advocate
- Lafayette Airport Commission Website – LFTAirport.com