



Alabama State Port Authority  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)  
FY2023 – FY2025 DBE Goal & Methodology  
Public Comment Period  
July 1, 2022 – August 1, 2022

The Alabama State Port Authority (ASPA), as a recipient of federal financial assistance, is required to establish a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) triennial overall DBE goal and methodology. ASPA has developed its DBE goal using a goal-setting methodology in accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 26.45 and the guidance set forth in the Tips for Goal-Setting in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program published by the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

To comply with 49 CFR 26.45, ASPA established an overall goal based on the availability of ready, willing and able DBEs relative to the availability of all ready, willing and able firms within the State of Alabama. ASPA proposed overall goal for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2023-2025 is 7.68% which it expects to meet 100% through race neutral means and 0% through race conscious means.

The purpose of the public consultation is to obtain the public input concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and include ASPA's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs. The public will be asked to provide comments during a 30-day comment period. A DBE Goal Notice will be posted on ASPA's website ([www.alports.com](http://www.alports.com)). Following the public consultation period and considering the public's comments, ASPA will review the public comments and adjust the proposed overall goal, if applicable. ASPA will recalculate the goal and methodology on a triennial basis.

Please direct all comments in writing to:

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