



**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

**AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)  
GOAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**WHEREAS**, effective March 4, 1999, the U.S. Department of Transportation implemented revised regulations regarding the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, 49 CFR Part 26 of the Department of Transportation federal regulations specify recipients of federal funding are required to establish overall goals to reflect race conscious and race neutral initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, COTA has examined its Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted budget for fiscal year 2016 in an effort to identify DBE opportunities for firms ready, willing and able to bid or participate in federally assisted contracts and established a goal of 11%; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with recommendations of the Board of Trustees, COTA has examined its non-FTA assisted budget for fiscal year 2016 in an effort to identify DBE opportunities for firms ready, willing and able to bid or participate in non-federally assisted contracts and established a goal of 10.6%; and

**WHEREAS**, COTA utilized appropriate census data and relevant DBE directories to ensure inclusion of available DBEs and provide a level playing field for disadvantaged businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Transit Authority.

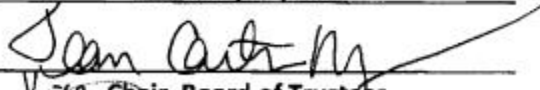
**Section 1.** That the Board of Trustees adopts an annual DBE goal of 11% for FTA assisted contracts and 10.6% for non-FTA assisted contracts for an overall DBE goal of 10.7% for fiscal year 2016.

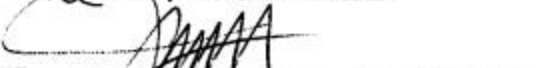
**Section 2.** That the President/CEO be, and hereby is, authorized to take such further action and to execute and deliver such further documents as, acting on the advice of counsel, shall be deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 3.** That the Authority finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the Authority concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Authority.

**Section 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted: January 27, 2016

Signed:   
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest:   
President/CEO

**CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**DATE: JANUARY 27, 2016**

**INITIATOR: JEFFREY VOSLER, VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE/CFO & DBE COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

<b>BUDGET/FUNDING INFORMATION</b>	
<b>APPROVED BUDGET AMOUNT:</b>	<b>CURRENT PROJECTED AMOUNT:</b>
Operating Funds: \$	Operating Funds: \$
Capital Funds:	Capital Funds:
COTA Share \$	COTA Share \$
Federal/State \$	Federal/State \$
<b>TOTAL: \$</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$</b>

**PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26, titled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," all FTA grant recipients are required to establish goals for potential contracting opportunities for certified DBE suppliers.

In 2011, the FTA mandated that DBE goals for federally assisted projects would be developed for three year periods. In addition to the federal goal, the DBE plan approved by the COTA Board in 1999 also includes an annual goal for COTA's locally funded (non-federal) contracts. An overall goal combining the three year federally funded project goal and an annual goal for locally funded projects is presented to the COTA Board on an annual basis.

Using the methodology provided by the FTA, COTA has established an annual DBE goal of 11% for federally assisted projects for fiscal years 2015 through 2017. Additionally, a goal of 10.6% was established using similar methodology for all non-federally funded projects for 2016. This results in an overall DBE goal of 10.7% for the Authority in 2016.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

There is no material budget impact in the administration and implementation of this federally mandated program.

**DBE PARTICIPATION**

N/A