

## Public Notice of Proposed DBE Participation Goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2026

Advanced Wheels of Technology, Inc. (Advanced Wheels) hereby announces its proposed Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 0.23% for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026). This goal applies to FTA-assisted contracts for transit vehicles and related procurements as required under 49 C.F.R. Part 26.49.

The goal was developed in accordance with FTA's 8-step DBE goal-setting process using the most recent DBE Directories for Connecticut and Massachusetts and the 2023 U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns Data. Advanced Wheels also hosted a DBE consultation meeting on September 30, 2025, with outreach to DBE firms and regional minority and women-business organizations.

Advanced Wheels intends to achieve its FY 2026 DBE goal entirely through race-neutral measures. The company will continue to actively encourage DBE participation by:

- Ensuring DBEs are included on solicitation lists.
- Providing contracting information and communications in accessible formats.
- Supporting DBE capacity development, including technology adoption and long-term growth opportunities.

The complete goal-setting methodology and supporting data are available for public inspection at:

Advanced Wheels of Technology, Inc., 33 Bradley Park Rd., East Granby, CT 06026, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It may also be accessed online at: <a href="https://www.advancedwheels.com/resources/advanced-wheels-dbe">https://www.advancedwheels.com/resources/advanced-wheels-dbe</a>

Written comments on the proposed DBE goal will be accepted through October 25, 2025, and may be sent to:

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