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**Transportation Cabinet Invites Input to Develop Disadvantaged Business Goals
for Highway Projects**

Transportation Cabinet hosts virtual public forums in June

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 8, 2022) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is seeking public input on proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals to ensure certified businesses can compete fairly for federally-funded transportation projects.

The Cabinet's Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development (OCRSBD) is developing an annual DBE participation goal, in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration. Once approved, the goal will be in effect for three years beginning Oct. 1, 2022.

"The Cabinet encourages an equitable playing field for certified, historically underrepresented companies by setting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals when awarding federally funded projects," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "The virtual public forums provide a convenient opportunity to give input and learn more about how we establish fair goals."

The OCRSBD will host virtual public forums in June to explain the proposed goals and how they will be established. Participants must register by emailing Melvin.Bynes2@ky.gov or calling 502-782-4816. Forums will be hosted on the following dates:

Friday, June 10 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. EDT

Monday, June 13 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. EDT

Tuesday, June 14 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. EDT

The 2023 goals and methodology once completed, will be available online on the [KYTC Office for Civil Rights website](#). Information is also available by calling 1-502-782-4816. The comment period will be

from June 15 through July 25. Written comments can be submitted online to Melvin.Bynes2@ky.gov or mailed to:

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