

**PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING THE
KINGSPORT AREA TRANSIT SERVICE (KATS)
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)
GOAL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-2025**

In accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended, the Kingsport Area Transit Service (KATS) hereby notifies the public that it is recommending a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 1.4% of Federal financial assistance expended in DOT-assisted contracts, (exclusive of FTA funds to be used for the purchase of transit vehicles). KATS plans to obtain this goal through race-neutral means. The overall goal is based on the availability of ready, willing, and able DBE firms verses all business ready, willing, and able to participate in KATS DOT assisted contracts.

The proposed goal and the methodology plan are available for review between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 900 East main Street, Kingsport, TN 37660. It is also available online at www.kingsporttransit.org. Written comments on this goal will be accepted for 30 days, from June 22, 2022 through July 22, 2022. The comments are for information purposes only and may be sent to the KATS's DBE Staff, Candace Sherer or via email at www.kingsporttransit.org in the contact section. The City of Kingsport and Kingsport Area Transit Service, does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin and operates its programs in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.