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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 19, 2025

**TO:** Walterio Castillo, Project Manager  
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**THRU:** Maribel Feliciano, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Bus Batteries

**DBE GOAL: No Goal**

**Estimated Federal Assistance :** USDOT FTA (100%)

**NAICS Code:** 432120

**Scope of Services:** Bus Batteries

The Broward County Transportation Department is seeking a vendor to provide 'side post' and 'top post' maintenance-free bus batteries for transit buses. The Vendor shall furnish all labor, tools, equipment, materials, supplies, supervision, and travel required in accordance with these specifications.

This project is estimated to be 100% funded by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration.

The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) has determined that no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal applies to this solicitation due to a change in the federal regulations governing the DBE Program. Through an Interim Final Rule ("IFR"), which became effective on October 3, 2025, the United States Department of Transportation eliminated race- and sex-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage. Existing DBE firms must first be reevaluated based on this new criteria before any project specific goals can be assigned.

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Bus Batteries**

**This solicitation is not subject to the Broward County Workforce Investment Program.**

**This solicitation is not subject to the Broward County Construction Apprenticeship Program.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this assignment, please contact our office at (954) 357-6400.

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