NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT CITY OF HATTIESBURG DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIANNUAL GOAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2023

The City of Hattiesburg, in accordance with 49 CFR PART 26.45 (f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), has proposed a goal of **1.2%** for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

The methodology used to calculate the goal consists of counting the number of DBE firms contained in the official, available DBE directory and dividing this number by the total number of available firms in relevant NAICS codes. This resulted in a base figure of .8%.

The City of Hattiesburg will accept comments on the goal document. The document is available for inspection and comments from the public for 30 days following the date of this notice from June 10, 2021 through July 12, 2021 during normal business hours at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) office located at 200 Forrest St. Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

The document is also available for review and comment on the internet at <u>http://www.hattiesburgms.com/mpo/</u>. Individuals who do not have the use of a computer are encouraged to visit their local public library for access to the World Wide Web. If preferred, you may call the MPO at (601) 554-1008 to request a copy of the goal document.

Written comments about the goal document should be directed to:

Armendia Esters, MPO Division Manager 200 Forrest St. Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (601) 554-1008

To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate can contact the MPO office at (601) 554-1008; or email <u>mpo@hattiesburgms.com</u> to make arrangements.

Written comments should be directed to the MPO, at the above address or emailed to <u>mpo@hattiesburgms.com</u> and must be received by July 12, 2021.

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