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Shailen P. Bhatt  
Secretary  
Delaware Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Bhatt:

I would like to inform you that the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Overall Goal Setting Methodology for FY 2013 through FY2016 and the race and gender projections are approved. This methodology established a DBE overall goal of 11.43%. DelDOT forecasts that it will meet 1.71% of the overall goal through race and gender-neutral means and 9.72% through race and gender-conscious means.

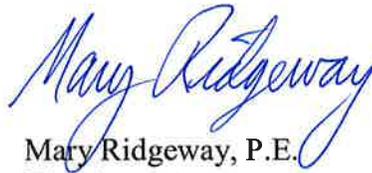
We have determined that the overall goal setting methodology DelDOT utilized is consistent with 49 CFR §26.45, and that you have followed the requirements for public participations in establishing your overall goal as set in 49 CFR § 26.45 (g). Be advised that the race and gender neutral and the race and gender conscious goals are subject to modifications during each fiscal year in accordance with 49 CFR §26.45 (f). Also, DelDOT should employ a mechanism in the future to capture all quantitated data that reflects the relative availability of disadvantaged business enterprises in DelDOT 's relevant market.

The DBE overall goal of 11.43% will be in place for the remaining of this fiscal year throughout FY2016. The next regularly scheduled DBE goal submission will be due on August 1, 2016.

Thank you for your diligence and efforts in developing and submitting DelDOT's DBE goal methodology on time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Francisco E. Gonzalez, Civil Rights Specialist at (410)779-7150 or by email at [FranciscoE.Gonzalez@dot.gov](mailto:FranciscoE.Gonzalez@dot.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ridgeway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "R".

Mary Ridgeway, P.E.  
Division Administrator

cc:

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