**SACRT DBE OVERALL GOAL FOR FFY 2024-2026**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Please complete any or all of the questions below and submit to** **jshevlin@sacrt.com** **no later than July 12, 2023. Questions may be answered on this form, or in an email (with the question numbers referenced).**

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| **Business/Organization Name** |  |
| **Respondent Name/Title** |  |
| **Respondent Email Address** |  |

General Information:

1. Are you a certified DBE or Small Business? If so, what certifications do you hold? Please include the name of the certifying agency and your certification/registration number.
2. Have you previously participated in government contracts? If yes, please answer the following questions:
	1. Please provide examples of projects you have successfully completed, including whether you were a prime or subcontractor.
	2. How were you notified of the contracting opportunity before you bid?
	3. Did the contracting opportunity have a DBE Goal or offer a Small or Local Business Preference?
	4. Do you have any information to add about your experience with performing on government contracts?

Barriers and Challenges:

1. What are the main challenges or barriers that DBEs and Small Businesses face in pursuing government contracts?
2. Are you aware of any obstacles or biases encountered by DBEs and Small Businesses during the bidding or selection processes?
3. Are there any support or resources that you believe would enhance the ability of DBEs and Small Businesses to compete for contracts?
4. Are you aware of any instances of discrimination encountered by DBEs and Small Businesses in the process of competing for government contracts? If yes, please explain.

Capacity Building and Assistance:

1. Have you hosted or participated in any DBE- or SBE-specific training, capacity-building programs, workshops, mentorship opportunities, or outreach events locally to strengthen your company's capabilities? If so, please list the event and hosting organization, and provide feedback on the value of the event.
2. What type of technical assistance or business development support would be beneficial to DBEs and Small Businesses?
3. Do you have any recommendations for methods of outreach to increase small and disadvantaged business participation?

eProcurement Systems:

1. Are you a registered vendor in SacRT’s PlanetBids Vendor Database?
2. Do you use PlanetBids or any other eProcurement systems to compete for contracts with any other agencies?
3. What is your overall opinion of eProcurement systems?