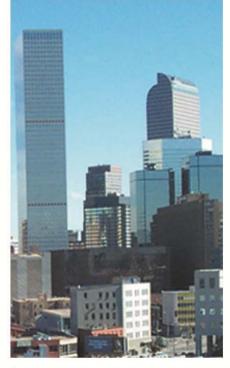
# B2GNOW Software for Government

Staff User Manual

**Chapter 8 – Goal Setting** 









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# Chapter 8 – Goal Setting

The B2Gnow Goal Setting module provides a process to set contract-specific goals that is based upon statistical methods, past accomplishment, and current market conditions. It follows the U.S. Department of Transportation 49 CFR Part 26 guidelines for setting goals.

There are three steps to the process:

- 1. Determine the "Step 1" baseline goals based upon a statistical method.
- 2. Determine the "Step 2" goal based on past contract participation on similar projects.
- 3. Consider the two goals and adjust for market conditions (bonding, capacity, etc.) to generate a final goal for the contract.

## **Creating a Proposal**

First a record is created to hold the goal setting information. Before starting, it is recommended that a copy of the project cost breakdown is obtained.

#### To create a proposal

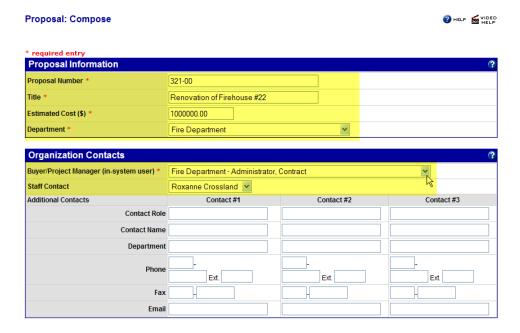
1. From the left menu click **Create**, and then click **New Proposal**.



2. On the **Proposal Compose** page, in the **Proposal Information and Organization** section, complete the required fields.



3. In the Organization Contacts section, select a **Project Manager** and **Staff Contact** from the list.



4. In the **Proposal Type** and **Proposal Category** fields, select options for tracking and reporting purposes.



**NOTE:** The Proposal Type and Proposal Category fields are not required; however, they may be helpful for reporting purposes.

- 5. In the **Proposal Summary** section, describe the proposed project, and use the **Attach File** option to add supporting documentation related to the proposed project.
- 6. When finished, click **Review** and verify the information.
- 7. Click Save.

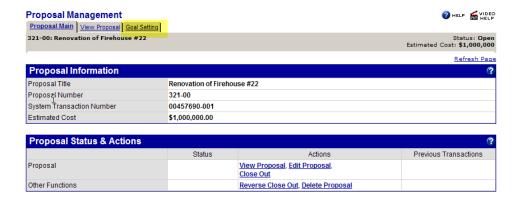
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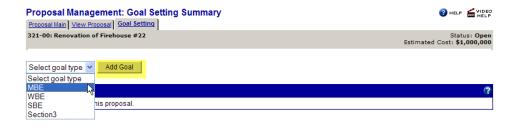
## **Setting a Goal**

Goals can be set on a proposal for each goal type needed, e.g. DBE, MBE, WBE, SBE, etc. The only limitation is the underlying statistical data that has been loaded into the module.

1. From the Proposal Main tab, click the **Goal Setting** tab.



From the list, select a program type, and then click Add Goal.



**NOTE:** The goal setting process must be followed for each goal type required.

The Goal Setting page for the selected program/goal type displays. You can edit the following goals:

- Goal Step 1: Goal calculated based on a statistical method.
- Goal Step 2: Goal calculated based on actual goal achievement on contract records managed in B2Gnow.

#### Goal Step 1

The methods defined in the U.S. DOT regulations (49 CFR Part 26 §45) provide guidance for setting annual goals on DBE programs. The general concept of a goal is based on "demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing and able [certified firms] relative to all businesses ready, willing and able to participate on your ... contracts."



There a several options:

1. Use certified directories and Census Bureau data. For a given work category:

Goal = Number Certified Firms / Total Number Firms

2. Use a bidders list:

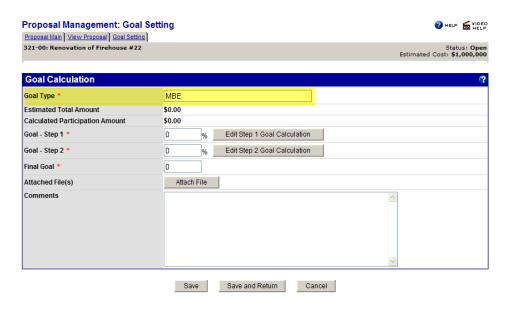
Number of Certified Bidders / Total Number of Bidders

- 3. Use a disparity study
- 4. Use a goal from a similar organization that has the same, or substantially similar, market
- 5. Alternate methods

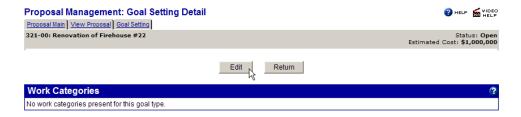
The key is that the process must be based on "demonstrable evidence of local market conditions and be designed to ultimately attain a goal that is rationally related to the relative availability of [certified firms] in your market."

**NOTE:** Prior to using the module, data provided by your organization and based on one or more of the options will be loaded into the system by B2Gnow.

1. Click Edit Step 1 Goal Calculation.



Click Edit.





**NOTE:** You need to add work categories, because the current work categories were not organized into groups.

- 3. Select a group and click **Add Entire Group** to add all work categories assigned to the group, e.g. Construction or Professional Services.
- 4. Or, click Add Individual Work Category to select specific categories.



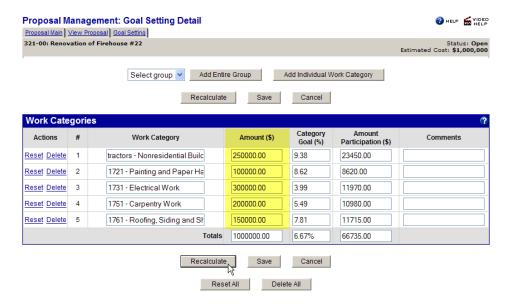
To add a work category, click Add, and continue adding categories until finished. You can search for categories, display all at once, and sort the list. Categories will drop from the list as they are added to the goal.



6. When finished, click **Return**. The selected work categories will display on the Goal Setting Detail page.



From your internal documentation, enter the estimates calculated for each work category.



- 8. The **Category Goal** is automatically filled into the field. You may be aware of specific situations in your market where factors have limited the stated availability/goal. For example, bonding capacity, resource availability, and other conditions such as multiple very large projects are underway at the same time. Adjust the Category Goal up or down as needed and add a comment to the line to note the change.
- 9. Click **Recalculate** to update the line and page totals.
- 10. The Amount Participation (\$) field is updated with Amount x Category Goal. The totals at the bottom of the page are also updated with the Category Goal weighted average.
- 11. Click Save to lock in the information.

**NOTE:** If you need to change or update a value or add a work category, click **Edit**.

#### **Goal Step 2**

The next step is to consider past contract participation and compare to the Step 1 statistical result.

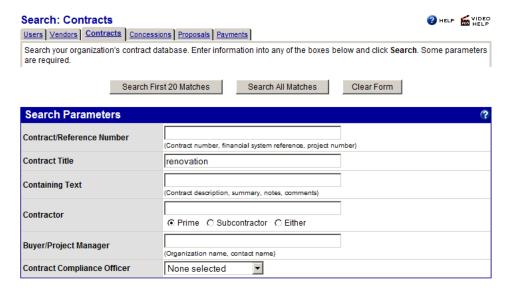
1. From the Proposal Management: Goal Setting page, click **Edit Step 2 Goal Calculation**.



2. Click Add Contract.

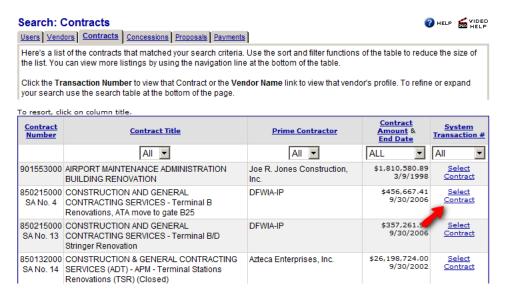


3. Search for similar contracts on any parameter – title, contract number, description, commodity code.

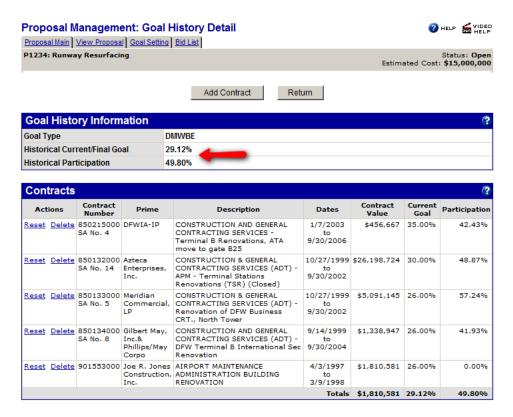




4. Click **Select Contract** for any contract that is to be included in as part of the Step 2 Goal calculation. You can click the back icon at the top of the left menu to return to the search results to add more contracts.



5. The selected contract(s) will be added to the Step 2 Goal calculation. Multiple contracts can be added, and the system will calculate a weighted value for the goals and participation of the historic contracts. The participation value will be added to the proposal as the Step 2 Goal.





#### NOTE:

When a contract is added to the calculation, only the award and participation amounts for the matching goal type will be included. For example, if the contract has an MBE and WBE goal, and the MBE goal is being determined for a new contract, the MBE award and payment amounts will be added to the calculation. The WBE information will not be included.

#### **Final Goal**

Set a final goal using the Step 1 statistical goal and the Step 2 actual goal achievement. The Federal regulations (49 CFR Part 26 §45) provide guidance for potential adjustments which is useful for both Federal and local programs:

#### §26.45 (d)

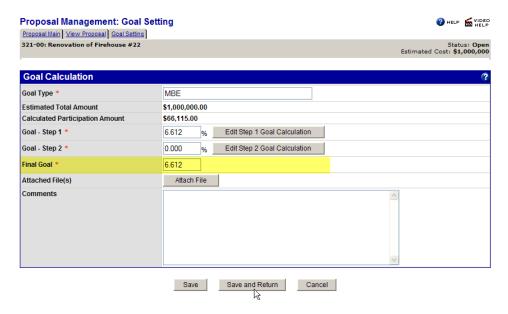
Once you have calculated a base figure, you must examine all of the evidence available in your jurisdiction to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the base figure in order to arrive at your overall goal.

- (1) There are many types of evidence that must be considered when adjusting the base figure.

  These include:
  - The current capacity of [certified firms] to perform work in your... contracting program, as measured by the volume of work [certified firms] have performed in recent years;
  - (ii) Evidence from disparity studies conducted anywhere within your jurisdiction, to the extent it is not already accounted for in your base figure; and
  - (iii) If your base figure is the goal of another recipient, you must adjust it for differences in your local market and your contracting program.
- (2) If available, you must consider evidence from related fields that affect the opportunities for [certified firms] to form, grow and compete. These include, but are not limited to:
  - (i) Statistical disparities in the ability of [certified firms] to get the financing, bonding and insurance required to participate in your program;
  - (ii) Data on employment, self-employment, education, training and union apprenticeship programs, to the extent you can relate it to the opportunities for [certified firms] to perform in your program.
- (3) If you attempt to make an adjustment to your base figure to account for the continuing effects of past discrimination (often called the "but for" factor) or the effects of an ongoing ... program, the adjustment must be based on demonstrable evidence that is logically and directly related to the effect for which the adjustment is sought.



1. Enter the final goal in the **Final Goal** field. This is the goal for the goal type listed at the top of the page.



- 2. Attach any supporting documents related to the goal setting process, such as the work estimate or market survey.
- 3. Add comments related to the final goal setting adjustments.
- 4. Click Save and Return.

The program goal displays on the Goal Setting Summary page along with the Total Goal, which differs if there is more than one goal type set up.



5. Continue adding goals if the proposed project has more program goals (WBE, etc.).



# **Viewing a List of Proposals**

1. To access a list of proposals, from the left menu click **View**, and then click **Proposals**.



- 2. You can filter and sort the list.
- 3. To open the proposal record, click the Proposal # or Description hyperlink.

TIP:

If the proposal does not display, clear the **Show ONLY proposals assigned to you** check box.

# **Searching for Proposals**

1. To search for a specific proposal, from the left menu click **View**, and then click **Search**.



- 2. Enter search parameters and click Search First 20 Matches.
- 3. You can filter and sort the list.
- 4. To open the proposal record, click the View link.