DBE Supportive Services
REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND

ULLA provides business support services to DBEs interested in doing business with the LADOTD in Region B. Services include:

- One-on-One Business Counseling
- Capacity-building Coaching
- Contractor-specific and General Entrepreneurship Trainings
- Certification Assistance
- Funding and Bonding Assistance
- Access to LADOTD Bid Opportunities

EMAIL US TODAY!
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Important Notice from the SBA
Was Your Application for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Declined?
Request Reconsideration

Find Projects
LADOTD Project Letting Information
Link to Construction Letting Information

Register for Trainings
ULLA Upcoming Events and Workshops
Link to ULLA's Eventbrite Registration Page

Become a DBE
Get LAUCP DBE Certified
Link to Louisiana Unified Certification Program

Stay Informed
COVID-19 Updates and Resources
Link to the ULLA COVID-19 Updates Page

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If your COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan was declined, you can request reconsideration within six months of the date of the decline letter. Include your application number and information required to overcome the reason for decline. You can send this information via email to pdcrecons@sba.gov or mail to the U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Learn More

**DBE Outreach and Education Webinar**

*Access to Opportunities: How to Find and Successfully Bid on LADOTD Projects + DBE Certification*

**Wednesday, January 20 | 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Join the Urban League of Louisiana's Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation on Wednesday, **January 20, 10:00am-12:00pm**, to learn how to access and prepare for LADOTD contracting opportunities.

DBE contractor firms seeking to do business with the Louisiana Department of Transportation must develop an internal process to identify, assess, and determine the firm’s capacity to meet the performance requirements of potential bid opportunities. In addition, DBE contractors must be proactive in identifying upcoming bid opportunities so that maximum time and effort can be put towards developing a winning proposal.

During this session, contractor firms will learn how to view upcoming LADOTD letting opportunities and the associated Construction Proposal Documents. Participants will also
learn how to view LADOTD projects to be let in the next 12 months, how to read proposal documents, and how to ensure that you are ready to bid (Online Bidder Registration, List of Prospective Bidders, etc.).

This session will also include an overview of the LAUCP DBE Certification, including eligibility requirements and the application process.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. All current DBEs and aspiring DBEs are welcomed to attend. Click Here to Register Today!

Register Today for the January 20th Session!

**DBE Community - Region B (New Orleans/Bridge City and Hammond)**

**Newly Certified DBEs**

Congratulations to the following small business owners from Region B whose firms have recently been certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises!

- Herbert Moore, The Moore Group
- Michelle Scott, Faith Journey, LLC
- Craig Harris, Southern H&H Contractors
- Matthew L. Brown, Big Apple Tire Inc.
- Audrey Weinstein, Weinstein & Associates

For more information about these and other DBE firms, please visit the Unified Certification Program Search Directory.

Not yet certified? If you are interested in becoming DBE Certified, please visit http://www.laucp.org/ucp/ to learn more about the Unified Certification Program for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and its purpose. For assistance with your application, please email dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org.

**DBE Resources**

**Louisiana Economic Development's Bonding Assistance Program**

Louisiana Economic Development's Bonding Assistance Program provides access to quality bid, payment and performance bonds at reasonable rates for DBEs and other certified businesses.
rates from surety companies when bonding capacity is needed on public or private jobs.

- Offers 25% of contract price or $100,000, whichever is less, in bond guarantee to surety
- Sureties perform all underwriting and offer competitive rates
- LED's Bond guarantees may mitigate some risk to surety company, leading to a positive underwriting decision

The Bonding Assistance Program is open to all certified Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) Program (OpportunityLouisiana.com/SEBD) clients that require bid, payment or performance surety bonds. Apply for the Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) Program at www.ledsmallbiz.com.

For more information on what a surety bond is, please visit the following booklet online.

For additional information about what is needed to obtain a surety bond please view the following webinar. To learn more, click here.