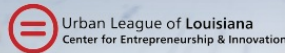




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REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND



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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](#)

DBE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES - REGION B



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

Economic Injury Disaster Loan



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 to <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@urbanleaguella.org.

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



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](#).

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