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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

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DBE Outreach and Education - Webinar

Access to Opportunities: How to Find and Successfully Bid on LADOTD Projects
Thursday, July 21st | 10:00am - 12:00pm



Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Thursday, July 21st, 1:00pm-3:00pm, for "Access to Opportunities: How to Find and Successfully Bid on LADOTD Projects".

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.

All aspiring DBEs are welcomed to attend. There is no cost to attend; however, registration is required. **Register today to reserve your seat!**

[Click Here to Register for the July 21st Session!](#)

DBE Outreach Event

Connections MarketPlace: Buyer Side Chat Roundtable Session

Thursday, July 21st | 12:00pm CST

Connections MarketPlace: Buyer Side Chat Roundtable Session

Presented by:
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)



The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), would like to invite you to participate in the newly launched Connections MarketPlace. During this Buyer Side Chat session, you will be hearing from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on how to strategically leverage your small business in federal contracting. Attendees will be able to:

- Find out how to market your services as a small business to FHWA
- Learn about how other small businesses are currently contracting with FHWA
- Gain insight into how to effectively maximize your small business status
- Upcoming IIJA BIL opportunities for small businesses in FHWA

Click here to register today! For any questions, please contact our office at 202-366-1930 or email dot-osdbu@dot.gov. Visit the website to find more about OSDBU, upcoming events, and available technical assistance: www.transportation.gov/osdbu.

[Click Here to Register for the July 21st Event!](#)

Public Meeting: LADOTD DBE Goals Methodology LADOTD Hosting Public Participation Meeting to Discuss and Obtain Feedback on the FY 2023-2025 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal

Due Tuesday, July 19 at 11:00am CST



The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) would like to invite all interested parties to a stakeholder's meeting to discuss and provide feedback on the establishment of our FY 2023-2025 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for both FTA and FHWA Projects.

A meeting is scheduled in South Louisiana on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 11:00am-12:30pm at the Regional Transportation**

Federal regulations 49, Part 26.45(g)(1) states, "In establishing an overall goal, you must provide for public participation. This public participation must include consultation with minority, women and general contractor groups, community organizations, and other officials or organizations which could be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs, and your efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs."

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is committed to delivering transportation and public works systems that enhance the quality of life. In addition to more than 16,558 miles of roadway, including over 943.56 miles of interstate, LADOTD supports the development of the state's aviation, marine and rail infrastructures. Through this work, we are able to facilitate economic development, create job opportunities, improve vital evacuation routes, and make critical freight corridors safer and more efficient.

No registration is required for this public meeting. If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact the LADOTD Civil Rights Officer at 225-379-1923 prior to the meetings.

For more information, please visit www.dotd.la.gov, email dotdcs@la.gov, or call DOTD's Customer Service Center at (225) 379-1232 or 1-877-4LADOTD (1-877-452-3683). Business hours are 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 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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