



# DBE Support Services

REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND

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## MONTHLY DIGEST

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LADOTD Project  
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ULLA Upcoming  
Events and Trainings



Urban League of Louisiana provides business support services to existing and aspiring DBEs that are 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, and access to LADOTD bid opportunities. For more information, please email [dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org](mailto:dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org).

### Outreach Event

### Take Action: Leverage the GSA for Federal Contracting Opportunities

**Thursday, December 12 | 10:00am-12:00pm CST | Virtual**



Join the Urban League of Louisiana on **Thursday, December 12, 2024, 10:00am-12:00pm**, for "**Take Action: Leverage the GSA for Federal Contracting Opportunities**".

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) manages federal property and provides contracting options for government agencies. GSA facilitates over \$84 billion of products, services and solutions that

enable federal agencies to efficiently accomplish their missions while saving taxpayer dollars. During this session, participants will learn how to leverage the GSA Schedule and sell to the federal government, including:

- **Understanding the GSA Schedule Program**
- **Getting on Schedule**
- **Staying on Schedule**
- **Tools, resources, and information to help you succeed**

This session will be facilitated by **Courtney Elzey, Owner, MCDS, LLC.**

There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. **Register today to reserve your spot!**



[Click Here to Register](#)

## *Training*

### **Project Spectrum Cyber Training Hosted by Northwest Louisiana APEX Accelerator**

**Wednesday, December 4 | 10:00am-11:00am CST | Online**



Join Project Spectrum for an in-depth webinar on cybersecurity best practices tailored specifically for government contractors. In today's evolving digital landscape, securing sensitive data is crucial to meeting federal standards and ensuring eligibility for government contracts. This training will cover key areas, including risk assessment, cyber threat management, and actionable steps for enhancing your organization's cyber defenses.

Designed for businesses of all sizes, this webinar equips you with the tools to protect your assets and stay compliant with federal requirements. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your cybersecurity posture and build resilience against potential threats.

**Date:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST)

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM (CST)

**Fee:** No Fee

**To register:** Click here - [Project Spectrum Cyber Training](#)

For more information please contact Dr. Gayle Flowers, NWLA APEX Accelerator, at [gayle@shreveportchamber.org](mailto:gayle@shreveportchamber.org) or (318) 677-2519.

This APEX Accelerator is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense. By registering for this event and providing your information, you acknowledge and agree that the Northwest Louisiana APEX Accelerator reserves the right to contact you by any means for Northwest Louisiana APEX Accelerator-related services.

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## *Bid Opportunity*

### **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Funding Program Round 1 RFP Opens on December 6**



Louisiana will receive approximately 73 million dollars for electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure through President Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) plans to administer the deployment of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure throughout the State. As part of the EV infrastructure deployment plan, the U.S.

Legislature has made National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funds available for expenditure by state transportation agencies. These funds will cover 80 percent of the EV infrastructure expenses with a minimum 20 percent state match covered by grant recipients. To disburse these funds, LA DOTD is developing a competitive grant program that allows for a phased approach to the buildup of electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) over five years that meets federal requirements of DC Fast Chargers within one mile of designated corridors.

Sign up for updates on our EV grant program through MyDOTD by visiting [La DOTD - MyDOTD](#) and selecting the option to “Sign Up Now” to create an account, or sign in to customize your alerts and select “Electric Vehicle Grant Program”.



Please send comments and/or inquiries to [DOTD-EVProgram@la.gov](mailto:DOTD-EVProgram@la.gov). You can also take our public survey [here](#).

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