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LADOTD Project
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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.

3rd Annual National Small Business Contracting Summit January 7-8 | University of New Orleans



The **3rd Annual National Small Business Contracting Summit** presented jointly by **The American Small Business Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce**, is taking place right here in New Orleans on January 7-8! This popular event boasts a robust agenda that includes:

- Increased focus on making sure small business federal contractors secure our fair share of federal contracting (taxpayer) dollars
- Access to federal agencies and prime contractors (scroll to the bottom of the page to see the list of agencies and prime contractors who have been invited)
- Timely education and information on current trends, opportunities, and threats to small business contractors
- Legal education important for teaming, joint ventures, and related topics
- Connections to potential teaming and joint venture partners
- One-on-One Matchmaking
- Small Business Networking

Dates/Times:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 11:45 AM-4:30 PM CST
- Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM CST

Location:

The University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148
(UNO University Center – 2nd Floor)

Fees: Registration fees are based on membership level. Members and non-members are welcome. Fees for this summit (includes admission to all days) are as follows:

- \$195 – Supplier Members
- \$235 – Business Members
- \$290 – Advocate Members

- \$295 – Individual and Non-Members
- Complimentary – Government Agency and Large Prime Contractor Representatives

For the full agenda and to register, please visit: <https://www.uswcc.org/events/3rd-annual-national-small-business-contracting-summit-new-orleans-la-live-01-7-24/>

You don't want to miss this! Register today to reserve your spot!

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Webinar

Take Action: Get Certified as a Woman-owned Small Business (WOSB) for Government Contracting Opportunities

Tuesday, January 7 | 12:00pm-2:00pm CST | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana for **"Take Action: Get Certified as a Woman-owned Small Business (WOSB) for Government Contracting Opportunities"** on Tuesday, January 7, 12:00pm-2:00pm, virtually.

The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program (WOSB Program) is designed to provide a level playing field for women business owners. The federal government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the WOSB Program. These contracts are specific industries where WOSBs are underrepresented. Some contracts are restricted further to economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses (EDWOSBs). Getting certified as a WOSB Federal Contract Program participant makes a business eligible to compete for federal contracts set aside for the program.

During this session, small business owners will learn the benefits of the WOSB certification, eligibility requirements, and the certification process. This workshop will also provide participants with insights on how to best leverage their WOSB certification to access government contracting opportunities. Participants will also learn how to access the "MySBA Certifications" website - a new, upgraded single application for SBA federal contracting certifications.



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!

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Webinar

Take Action: Get LAUCP DBE Certified for Government Contracting Opportunities

Tuesday, January 14 | 12:00pm-2:00pm CST | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana for **"Take Action: Get LAUCP DBE Certified for Government Contracting Opportunities"**, on Tuesday, January 14, 12:00pm-2:00pm, virtually.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program was created to remedy past and current discrimination against DBE firms. The intention is to level the playing field for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals wanting to do business with the DOTD on U.S.

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In order to comply with regulatory mandates, LADOTD collectively joined with the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, and the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority to develop and implement uniform procedures for DBE certification – the Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP). This program eliminates the necessity for DBE firms to complete multiple applications, as certification decisions are reciprocally accepted throughout the UCP membership in Louisiana.

During this session, attendees will gain insights into the LAUCP DBE Certification program, including: eligibility requirements, understanding the application process, and leveraging your certification.

This session will be facilitated by **Courtney Elzey, Principal, MCDS, LLC**. All aspiring DBEs are welcomed to attend. There is no cost to attend; however, registration is required. Register today to reserve your seat!

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Webinar

Take Action: Get Registered on LaGOV and Leverage LaPAC for State Contracting Opportunities

Tuesday, January 21 | 12:00pm-2:00pm CST | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana for “**Take Action: Get Registered in LaGOV and Leverage LaPAC for State Procurement Opportunities**”, on Tuesday, January 21, 12:00-2:00pm, online. It is imperative that small businesses who wish to access state procurement bids get registered in the LaGOV Registration Portal and leverage the LaPAC Network. During this session, potential vendors will learn how to register in LaGOV and how to leverage LaPAC to access bid opportunities with the state of Louisiana. Topics include:

- **How to submit your initial registration**
- **Finding the right UNSPSC commodity codes**
- **What to do when you receive your permanent vendor ID**
- **How to manage your vendor account**
- **How to search for bid opportunities on LaPAC**

This session will be facilitated by **Courtney Elzey, Principal, MCDS, LLC**. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Register today to reserve your spot!

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Webinar

Take Action: Get Registered on SAM.gov for Federal Procurement Opportunities

Tuesday, January 28 | 12:00pm-2:00pm CST | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana for “**Take Action: Get Registered on SAM.gov for Federal Procurement Opportunities**”, on Tuesday, January 28, 12:00pm-2:00pm, virtually.

Small businesses seeking federal contracting opportunities must be registered and have a current profile in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). During this session, participants

will learn the importance of SAM and learn key information about your SAM profile. Participants will also be guided through the process of registering and managing your SAM.gov profile.

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!**

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Bid Opportunity

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Charging Station Inspection, Data Collection and Reporting Statewide

Closing Date: February 12, 2025



Attention: A new DOTD Advertisement has been posted for the following project: **CONTRACT NO. 4400030379 - NATIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (NEVI) CHARGING STATION INSPECTION, DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING STATEWIDE**

The Consultant shall provide all personnel, equipment and software necessary to conduct on-site inspection of the construction, maintenance and operation of charging stations designated by DOTD and provide data collection and reporting to ensure adherence to the requirements delineated in 23 CFR 680, et seq. These services shall be provided throughout construction of the NEVI charging stations and for a period of not less than five (5) years from the NEVI final charging station going online. **For the full scope of work, please [click here](#).**

Current advertisement postings can be found at the [CCS Website link here](#).

Upcoming projects can be found on the [projected advertisements website link here](#).

About the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

Louisiana will receive approximately \$73M 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. You can also take our public survey [here](#).

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