

# DBE Support Services

REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND



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Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation



## MONTHLY DIGEST

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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).

2026

### 12 Terrible Construction Project Management Habits to Leave in 2025

#### *Construction Business Owner Blog*

Looking forward to the new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the practices that may be holding your construction business back. As the popular saying goes, "out with the old, in with the new"—what are some habits that are better left in 2025 when it comes to managing your construction business?

In this article, we'll explore 12 all-too-common terrible construction project management habits that need to stay in 2025 so your business can thrive in the years ahead.

[Read More](#)

### *Contractor Education*

### **Utilizing Bid Platforms to Identify Contracting Opportunities**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 | 10:00am-11:30am | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Tuesday, January 13, 10:00am-11:30am, for "**Utilizing Bid Platforms to Identify Contracting Opportunities**". This virtual session is a part of a series of monthly workshops hosted in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's DBE Supportive

Services program.

This session will equip construction professionals, subcontractors, and small contractor business owners with the skills needed to effectively navigate and leverage online

construction bid platforms. Attendees will learn how to identify and evaluate contracting opportunities, as well as, how to strategically position their firm for competitive bidding.

By the end of this course, participants will be able to confidently use platforms to discover high-potential projects to bid and expand their contracting pipeline.

This session will be facilitated by Frank Johnson, Director, Contractor's Resource Center, Urban League of Louisiana.

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



[Click Here to Register](#)

### **DBE Certification Changes**

### **Complete Your LAUCP LADOTD DBE Certification Re-evaluation Response Form**

**Submit by Friday, January 30, 2026**

**Attention Certified DBE/ACDBE Firms:** On September 30, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) revising certain regulations governing the **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)** and **Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE)** programs. These changes took effect on October 3, 2025.

As part of the IFR, USDOT amended 49 CFR Parts 26 and 23, removing the prior race- and sex-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage. Under the new rule, determinations of disadvantage must be made on an individual basis. Specifically: 49 CFR §26.5 – “*Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individual*” means any individual who is a U.S. citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident) and who a [DBE/ACDBE Program] certifier finds to be socially and economically disadvantaged based on individualized proof, and not in whole or in part on race or sex.

To follow the new federal requirements, the Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP) must now reevaluate all currently certified DBE and ACDBE firms. During this process, your certifying agency will:

- **Review** your firm's eligibility under the new rule.
- **Recertify** your firm if you meet the updated standards; or
- **Decertify** your firm only if you do not meet the new standards or do not respond to the LAUCP re-evaluation request.

**To start this process, please let LADOTD know if your firm would like to continue participating in the LAUCP by confirming that you want to be re-evaluated under the new IFR standards.**

To do this, please respond to the LAUCP re-evaluation request promptly by:

1. **Completing** the official Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP) Firm Re-evaluation Response Form.
2. **Printing out AND Signing** your form; and,
3. **Returning** your completed form to [2025IFRCCompliance@la.gov](mailto:2025IFRCCompliance@la.gov).

Please note that each LAUCP certifying agency has its own response form. The form used here is for LADOTD certified DBEs only.

If you have already submitted this form, thank you for your cooperation.

If you have not yet submitted the form, it is imperative that the LADOTD Compliance Programs Section receive your completed form via email to:

[2025IFRCCompliance@la.gov](mailto:2025IFRCCompliance@la.gov) no later than the submission date of **Friday, January 30, 2026**.

Questions? Please email [dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org](mailto:dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org).

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Bid Opportunities**

**Landis Construction: Mazant Royal**

**Bid Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | 2:00pm**



**MAZANT ROYAL**  
4100 ROYAL STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70117

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This project consists of constructing a new 4-story, 82-unit apartment building and associated amenities.

The site and foundation work will be completed under a separate package.

#### **BID DATE**

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
2:00pm**

#### **CONTACT**

Landis Estimating  
[estimating@landisllc.com](mailto:estimating@landisllc.com)

#### **TRADES**

Termite Control  
Masonry  
Structural & Misc. Steel  
Metal Handrails/Railings  
Rough & Finish Carpentry  
Wood Trusses  
Exterior & Interior Architectural  
Woodwork  
Wood Frames  
Firestopping  
Fireproofing  
Waterproofing & Caulking  
Thermal Insulation

Roofing & Roof Accessories  
Sheet Metal Flashing & Trim  
Steel Doors/Frames/  
Hardware  
Aluminum Entrances &  
Storefronts  
Vinyl Windows  
Automatic Door Operators  
Glazing  
Drywall  
Flooring  
Painting

Specialties  
Residential  
Appliances  
Countertops  
Louver Blinds  
Elevators  
Fire Suppression  
Plumbing  
HVAC  
Electrical  
Fire Alarm/Detection  
Systems



**Email Landis Construction for More Information**

#### **Access to Opportunities**

**Source Louisiana: Statewide Business Directory & Connection Hub**  
**Register Your Business and Update Your Profile to Showcase Your Capabilities and Increase Visibility with Potential Customers**

# SOURCE LOUISIANA IS LIVE

Louisiana businesses can now register for free and connect with customers statewide and nationally.



REGISTER NOW  
SOURCELOUISIANA.COM

Source Louisiana is a statewide business directory and connection hub that gives Louisiana businesses the opportunity to showcase their capabilities and increase visibility with potential customers. Businesses can share information on services, certifications, capacity and more to make it easier for prime contractors and large-scale projects to identify qualified local and diverse providers.

To ensure that your profile is available and accurate on Source Louisiana, small business owners should:

1. Register at <https://louisiana.supplierone.co/>,
2. Verify any pre-populated information for accuracy, and
3. Update your profile.

Need help? Support is available via Supplier.io's chatbot or email [SourceLA@la.gov](mailto:SourceLA@la.gov).

# SOURCE LOUISIANA

CONNECT LOCALLY.  
COMPETE NATIONALLY.  
GROW GLOBALLY.

## WHAT IT IS

Building on its commitment to elevate Louisiana businesses, Louisiana Economic Development has launched Source Louisiana, an online statewide directory that showcases Louisiana businesses of all sizes and their capabilities. Powered by Supplier.io, the platform makes it easier for prime contractors and major projects to find qualified local providers, putting Louisiana companies directly in the pipeline for opportunity.



Source Louisiana is more than a database—it's a **growth engine for Louisiana businesses**. Register today to expand your visibility and unlock new opportunities.



[SourceLouisiana.com](http://SourceLouisiana.com)

## WHY IT MATTERS

- Showcase your services, certifications, and experience.
- Gain visibility with local and national customers, including Louisiana mega-projects
- Louisiana Economic Development and its partners will promote Source Louisiana through outreach, campaigns, and connections to help maximize exposure for registered Louisiana-based businesses

## HOW TO REGISTER

01

Visit

SourceLouisiana.com on desktop for the best viewing experience.

02

Find Your Company

Search for your business name and select it, or if your business is not listed click Register Now.

03

Create Login

Watch for login instructions from [DoNotReply@supplier.io](mailto:DoNotReply@supplier.io) (check spam folder).

04

Build Your Profile

Verify any pre-populated data and update relevant business information.

05

Keep It Current

Update regularly to maximize visibility and credibility.

### Need help?

Support is available via Supplier.io's chatbot or email [SourceLA@la.gov](mailto:SourceLA@la.gov).

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