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U.S. Department of Transportation - Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

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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**

EMAIL US TODAY!

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Upcoming Training

Strategies to Enhance Your Bonding Capacity

Thursday, July 27th | 10:00am - 11:30am | Online via GoToWebinar

Join the Urban League of Louisiana for "Strategies to Enhance Your Bonding Capacity", on Thursday, July 27th, 10:00am-11:30am, online via GoToWebinar. This session is a part of ULLA's DBE Supportive Services monthly outreach series in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.



For contractors, securing a surety bond is often an essential step in participating in public construction projects. The bonding capacity represents the maximum amount of surety credit that a contractor can obtain. A higher bonding capacity can enable contractors to bid on more significant projects, potentially leading to increased revenue and growth. This

presentation explores five strategies that contractors can leverage to enhance their bonding capacity.

This session will be facilitated by Jill Tucker, CIC, CRM, Surety Agent at IUL Bonds.

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

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Upcoming Event

Connecting the Dots 2023 - Small Business Expo: Creating Business Opportunities

Friday, July 21st | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Xavier University

Join the U.S. Small Business Administration's Louisiana District Office for "Connecting the Dots 2023" Small Business Expo, on Friday, July 21, 9:00am-12:00pm, at Xavier University. This annual event provides small businesses with opportunities for business connections and networking with procurement agencies and network partners.

Register today for an opportunity to access information on available contracts, SBA services, small business development assistance, and more. Find out how to take advantage of the benefits SBA has to offer, including:

- One-on-One on-site appointments with Federal, State, Local and Prime Procurement Agencies
- Learn how to find out what contracts are available
- Network with Management and Technical assistance providers who provide local assistance to all small businesses.

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2023, 9:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE: Xavier University of Louisiana University, Center Ballroom, 4955 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA 70125

Presented in partnership with the Louisiana Small Business Development Center Greater New Orleans, Bayou and River Region.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

Bid Opportunity

Woodward Design + Build - DBE/SLDBE Outreach Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th | 10:00am | Virtual

DBE/SLDBE BID INVITE AND OUTREACH



Woodward Design+Build is requesting budget proposals based upon SD documents. The scope of work is a comprehensive historic redevelopment of 28,750 SF, 3 story building. Engineering of Mechanical and Electrical scopes of work is to be included by subcontractors proposing the MEP scope. The MEP scope will be subcontracted as Design+Build

DBE OUTREACH MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 10:00am via Teams Meeting

CALL IN (AUDIO ONLY)

+1 504-321-7520,

Phone Conference ID: 115 170 054#

SITE WALK THROUGH

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 7:30am – 9:30am (Must RSVP)

RFI DATE

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 4:00pm

PROPOSAL DUE DATE

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - 11:00am

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

35% DBE or SLDDBE

SCOPES OF WORK

DEMOLITION

LANDSCAPING

CONCRETE

MASONRY

STEEL

ROUGH/FINISH

CARPENTRY

MILLWORK

COUNTERTOPS

ROOFING

FIREPROOFING

DOORS/FRAMES

GLASS/GLAZING

LATH & PLASTER

GYPSUM BOARD

TILE FLOORING

PAINT & WALL COVERINGS

SPECIALTIES

ELEVATORS

MECHANICAL

ELECTRICAL

To View Documents and receive a direct link to the outreach meeting, email Lauren Marshall (lmmarshall@woodwarddesignbuild.com)

[Click Here for More Information!](#)

Growth Strategies

Become an Energy Smart or Entergy Solutions Trade Ally!



Energy Smart (Orleans Parish) and Entergy Solutions (All Other Parishes in LA) are comprehensive energy efficiency programs that incentivize Entergy customers to perform energy saving upgrades in their homes and businesses. Our teams work with residents, business owners, facility managers and trade ally contractors to identify opportunities and provide cash incentives for completing eligible upgrades with measurable/verifiable energy savings.

What is a trade ally?

Trade allies are approved and trained contractors that influence the energy decisions of customers and facilitate participation in the Energy Smart and Entergy Solutions programs. Trade allies help customers implement energy efficiency upgrades and earn incentives for reducing their energy usage.

What is the benefit of becoming a trade ally?

Both programs work to connect customers with trade ally contractors to help them select and install energy efficient products that have verifiable energy savings for customers. Trade allies can leverage these cash incentives to gain new customers and maximize existing customer projects that reduce energy use.

How are trade allies supported?

The program provides technical assistance to trade allies and customers to identify energy efficiency opportunities, develop cost-effective projects and complete required program documentation. Trade allies are invited to participate in various training, development and networking opportunities provided by the program and its partners.

For More Information

- Orleans Parish: Kevin Fitzwilliam, Training and Workforce Development Specialist, Energy Smart Program - kevin.fitzwilliam@aptim.com
- All Other Parishes: Dillon Teal, Senior Energy Advisor, Entergy Solutions - dillon.teal@aptim.com

Learn More about the EnergySmart Trade Ally Program! (Orleans Parish)

Learn More about the Entergy Solutions Trade Ally Program! (All Other Parishes)

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