

# DBE Support Services

REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND



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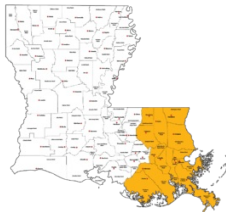
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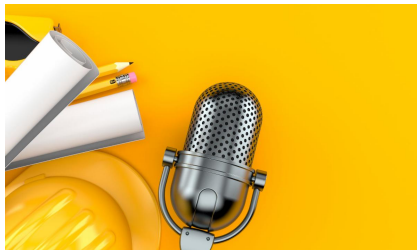
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Events and Trainings



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](mailto:dbesupport@urbanleaguela.org).



### ConstructionDive: Top Construction-related Podcasts

While it's important for construction pros to stay up to date on the latest trends and technologies, who has time for a class or book? Another form of learning — podcasts — lets listeners absorb insights and tips on

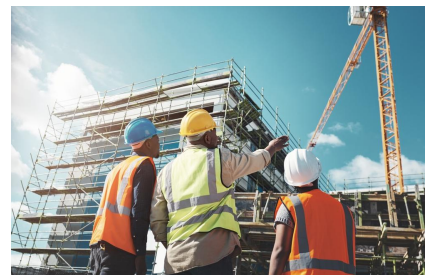
the go. The AEC industry boasts a vast offering of informative, on-demand programs. Here are some to add to your playlist. [Read More](#)

### Entrepreneurial Education

### Utilizing Bid Platforms to Identify Contracting Opportunities

Thursday, July 17 | 10:00am-11:30am CST | Online

Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Thursday, July 17, 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 seat!

[Click Here to](#)

## Important DBE Program Updates

### LADOTD DBE Supportive Services: Important Program Changes

Tuesday, July 22 | 10:00am-11:00am CST | Online



Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Tuesday, July 22, 10:00am-11:00am, virtually, for “**LADOTD DBE Supportive Services: Important Program Changes**”.

During this special session, **Paula M. Roddy, Statewide Program Manager 2, Compliance Program Section, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development**, will share important updates to the DBE Supportive Services Program. Learn about the new DBE goal effective October 1, 2025 and the pilot program that will follow a race-neutral approach to the LADOTD DBE Program for the 2025 federal fiscal year.

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

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Advocacy in Action

### Biz New Orleans Talks: You Can Help Save Women’s Business Centers in 30 Seconds

Women’s Business Centers (WBCs) are lifelines for women entrepreneurs — providing training, mentorship, and access to capital that helps launch and grow America’s small businesses.

**Right now, we need your voice to ensure Congress keeps WBC funding strong.** Whether you're a small business owner, Women's Business Center team member, or supporter of women's entrepreneurship, your voice shows lawmakers how critical Women's Business Centers are in our communities.



Klassi Duncan, Vice President of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Urban League of Louisiana — which operates two women’s business centers in the region — explains what this loss would mean to Louisiana and shares the 30-second act you can do now to fight back.

To view this episode of Biz New Orleans Talks and to get more information on how to show your support, [click here](#).

## Stay Up to Date

### National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

#### 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 buildout 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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