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LADOTD Project
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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.

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.



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Klassi Duncan

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](#).



Construction Owners Club: Major Construction Projects to Watch in Louisiana in 2025

Louisiana is buzzing with economic development projects, many of which are multi-million-dollar and even billion-dollar ventures. Here's an overview of some of the largest and most exciting construction projects happening across the state and within the Greater New Orleans area.

[Read More...](#)

Entrepreneurial Education

Get Bonded! Strategies to Enhance Your Bonding Capacity

Thursday, June 26 | 10:00am-11:30am CST | Online

Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Thursday, June 26, 10:00am-11:30am, for **“Get Bonded: Strategies to Enhance Your Bonding Capacity”**. 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.



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 **Cory Hoffman, Vice President, Paulin Insurance Associates, LLC**. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Register today to reserve your seat!

[Click Here to Register](#)

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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. You can also take our public survey [here](#).

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