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## MONTHLY DIGEST

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#### *Training*

### **Crew Management: Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining an All Star Team for Construction Contractors**

**Thursday, May 30 | 10:00am - 11:30am CST | Virtual**

Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Thursday, May 30, 10:00am-11:30am, for ***“Crew Management: Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining an All Star Team.”*** This virtual session is a part of a series of monthly events in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development’s DBE Supportive Services program.



It is critical that owners have a strategic plan to efficiently manage and retain their field crew. This is essential to staying on budget and on schedule, and can lead to increased profitability.

During this session, construction managers and owners will learn how to build a foundation for a successful field crew which requires processes, discipline and the proper resources. This session will dive into best practices for recruiting, hiring, developing, managing, and retaining an all-star team!

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

**Click Here to Register for Crew  
Management**

#### *Training*

### **Green Professional Building Skills (GPRO): Fundamentals of Building Green**

**Tuesday-Thursday, May 28, 29, 30 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Virtual**



Join the Urban League of Louisiana for ***“Fundamentals of Building Green”***, May 28-30, 6:00pm-8:00pm each day, virtually. In GPRO Fundamentals of Building Green, students will learn how to see buildings differently and understand foundational strategies that make them efficient, healthy and resilient. This training is a part of

Green Professional Building Skills (GPRO) curriculum created and sourced by the Urban Green Council, the New York affiliate of the U.S. Green Building Council.

#### Who Should Attend:

This course is ideal for anyone who needs a better understanding of high-performance building, including:

- General contractors
- Sales or administrative staff in real estate, construction, architecture or engineering
- Workforce development providers
- Facilities and operations staff
- College students interested in entering the building or construction industry

#### What Students Learn:

- The relationship between buildings and climate change
- Basic elements of green, high-performance construction and building operations
- Roles of trades on high-performance job sites
- Energy-consuming building systems and a high-level overview of strategies to reduce building energy use

Instructor: Sonji White, Construction Project Manager

There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Only 20 seats available. GPRO Fundamentals qualifies for 4 AIA and GBCI CE Credits.

[Click Here to Register for Fundamentals of Building Green](#)

#### Training

### GSA OSDBU: Small Business Works 2024 Training and Matchmaking Event

Thursday, May 9 | Full Day | Virtual



On Thursday, May 9, 2024, the GSA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization will host a no-cost training and matchmaking event. This year's theme is ***“OSDBU A.C.T.S on Maximizing Small Business Opportunities.”*** The event will provide valuable information and resources to help small businesses navigate and thrive in the federal government marketplace. Small businesses will also be able to expand their network and engage with industry experts in matchmaking sessions.

### *Training*

## **Govology Webinar: Contracting After Disasters**

**Thursday, May 9 | 12:00pm CST | Virtual**

In a world where disasters, whether natural or man-made, can strike at any moment, every state must be prepared to handle crises efficiently. When a disaster strikes, contractors often scramble to secure FEMA contracts. However, the common misconception is that the process begins with FEMA, when in reality, by that point, it's already too late.



During emergencies, contracting rules undergo significant changes, misinformation spreads like wildfire, and many small businesses—eager to tap into government spending—find themselves lost in the chaos. This webinar aims to shed light on the truth behind contracting during disasters.

Join us for an enlightening session where we delve into the intricacies of disaster contracting. We will explore key topics such as:

- Understanding the declaration of disasters and the chain of command
- Navigating the landscape of contracting with state and local governments during crises
- Adapting to changes and flexibilities in acquisition rules, dollar thresholds, and FAR Parts 18 and 26
- Unraveling the process of doing business with FEMA
- Spotlighting the crucial role played by the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Reviewing essential registrations required for disaster contracting
- Learning about strategies for locating solicitations, identifying needs, accessing pre-awarded contracts, and forecasting opportunities

Prepare to arm yourself with valuable insights that will not only demystify the complexities of disaster contracting but also enable you to proactively mitigate risks and maximize opportunities when emergencies strike.

Instructor: Jennifer Whittington, NW Louisiana APEX Accelerator

[Click Here to Register for Contracting After Disasters](#)

### *Outreach*

## **Lakefront Management Authority: Opportunity Outreach Event for Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprises**

**Wednesday, May 8 | 10:30am CST | Lakefront Airport**



# DBE/SBE Opportunity Outreach Event for Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprises

May 8, 2024 • 10:30 am

## Lakefront Management Authority

Lakefront Airport Terminal Building  
6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. • New Orleans, LA 70126  
2nd Floor Conference Room

LMA website: <https://nolalakefront.com/>

The Lakefront Management Authority will have approximately \$2,000,000 in open contracts for the Capital Projects Program and \$12,000,000 of FAA and DOTD Projects in the 2024 - 2025 Fiscal Year. To ensure that disadvantaged and small businesses have access to the economic opportunity these projects afford, the LMA is hosting an Opportunity Outreach Event to provide information on upcoming projects:

- **Small Projects**
  - General Facility Electrical Repairs
  - General Facility Plumbing Repairs
  - General Facility Painting
  - General Cleaning Services
  - Tree Trimming and Removal
  - Lakefront Shelters Rehabilitation
- **Large Projects**
  - Seabrook Boat Launch Rehabilitation
  - Lake Vista Community Center Roof Replacement
  - McDermott Hangar Flat Roof Replacement
  - Moffett Hangar Flat Roof Replacement
- **FAA Projects**
  - Phase III of Airport Drainage Improvements
  - Phase II of the Rehabilitation of Taxiway B

Bring your business cards and take advantage of this opportunity to get information about these upcoming projects, and the procurement process.

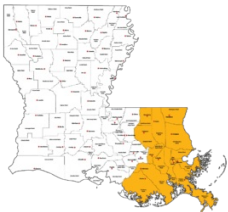


For more information contact LMA at (504) 355-5990

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