

DBE Support Services

REGION B - BRIDGE CITY/NEW ORLEANS & HAMMOND



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LADOTD Project
Letting Information

Get LAUCP DBE
Certified

ULLA Upcoming
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.



CONSTRUCTION TODAY: The Rise of Artificial Intelligence in Construction

The construction industry is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the rapid adoption of digital technologies. Among these, **artificial intelligence (AI)** stands out as a powerful tool reshaping how

construction projects are planned, executed, and managed. As AI continues to evolve, its influence on the construction sector is becoming more profound, bringing about changes that enhance efficiency, safety, and innovation. Discover how AI is integrated into construction technology and the potential benefits and challenges it presents. [Read More...](#)

Entrepreneurial Education

Access to Opportunities: How to Find and Successfully Bid on LADOTD Projects

Thursday, May 22 | 10:00am-11:30am CST | Online

Join the Urban League of Louisiana on **Thursday, May 22, 10:00am-11:30am**, for **“Access to Opportunities: How to Find and Successfully Bid on LADOTD Projects”**. 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.



DBE contractor firms seeking to do business with the Louisiana Department of Transportation must develop an internal process to identify, assess, and determine the firm’s capacity to meet the performance requirements of potential bid opportunities. In addition, DBE contractors must be proactive in identifying upcoming bid opportunities so that maximum time and effort can be put towards developing a winning proposal.

During this session, contractor firms will learn how to view upcoming LADOTD letting opportunities and the associated Construction Proposal Documents. Participants will also learn how to view LADOTD projects to be let in the next 12 months, how to read proposal

documents, and how to ensure that you are ready to bid (Online Bidder Registration, List of Prospective Bidders, etc.).

This session will be facilitated by Courtney Elzey, Principal, MCDS, LLC, and Frank Johnson, Director, Contractor's Resource Center, ULLA. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Register today to reserve your seat!



Frank Johnson, III
Director, Contractor's Resource Center
ULLA



Courtney Elzey
Principal
MCDS, LLC

**Click Here to
Register**

Stay Up to Date
Kiewit: Port of New Orleans Louisiana International Terminal -
Bidders Quick Reference Guide



BIDDERS QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE | NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES

IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES (SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT)

Interested firms: Access bid packages and scope specific details on BuildingConnected, at: bit.ly/PortNola-SiteDevBC

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS BUILDINGCONNECTED](#)

INTERESTED IN FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES? JOIN OUR DATABASE!

Follow these steps to help us understand your capabilities and bidding interests and ensure that you are notified about future project opportunities and events:

- 1 Complete our [Subcontractor Questionnaire](#)
- 2 Create an account with BuildingConnected at: app.buildingconnected.com/create-account

After your company information has been received through our Subcontractor Questionnaire, you will be added to our project database. Please stay tuned for notifications via email and BuildingConnected once bid packages become available.

Kiewit is providing Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the Port of New Orleans Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) **Site Development Project** as well as the **Wharf and Ramps Project**.

For information about the Louisiana International Terminal, visit: www.louisianainternationalterminal.com/

STAY INFORMED!

Kiewit is committed to keeping you informed. For information about upcoming project events and opportunities, visit: Lead.me/KiewitLITProjects

GOALS AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Kiewit is committed to the business inclusion goals established by the **Port of New Orleans** for the Projects.

For participation to count toward the established project goals, firms must be certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or Small Business Enterprise (SBE) by one of the following certifying agencies:

- The City of New Orleans State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SLDBE) Program. For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/4bwNUX3>
- The State of Louisiana's Department of Economic Development's SBE Hudson Initiative Program. For more information visit: <https://www.opportunitylouisiana.gov/program/hudson-initiative>
- Federal Small Business Program. For more information visit: <https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/small-disadvantaged-business>
- The State of Louisiana Unified Certification Program or LAUCP for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. For more information visit: <http://www8.dotd.la.gov/ucp/>

**PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL**
SITE DEVELOPMENT & WHARF AND RAMPS PROJECTS

**ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES
FOR SMALL, LOCAL & DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

Kiewit is committed to providing resources, information, and support to local, small, and diverse businesses seeking opportunities to participate on the Projects.

ARE YOU BID READY?

[VISIT OUR SUBCONTRACTOR PORTAL](#)

FEDERAL

- U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT)
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Veterans Business Development Programs (VBDP)

- Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce
- Gulf Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC)
- Gulf States American Indian Chamber of Commerce
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana
- LA APEX Accelerator - University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Louisiana Associated General Contractors
- Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.
- Louisiana Economic Development (LED)
- Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC)
- Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) at Xavier University
- Minority Business Development Agency - Louisiana Business Center
- New Orleans Business Alliance
- New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce
- SCORE - New Orleans
- Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce
- Southern Region Minority Supplier Development Council (SRMSDC)
- The City of Shreveport - Office of Fair Share
- The State of Louisiana's Unified Certification Program (LA UCP)
- Thrive New Orleans
- Urban League of Louisiana
- Urban League of New Orleans Women's Business Resource Center (WBRC)
- Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Greater Baton Rouge Chapter
- Women in Transportation Seminar (WTS) Greater New Orleans
- Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBEC) South

LOCAL/REGIONAL

- Asian Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana (ACCL)
- Baton Rouge Area (SCORE)
- City of New Orleans Office of Economic Development
- Delgado Community College - Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses



Kiewit is committed to meeting or exceeding the business inclusion goals established for the project. We will maximize inclusivity through: dividing work into economically feasible packages to ensure equitable and meaningful participation; providing timely notification of opportunities through various outreach methods; and partnering with industry and community assist agencies to provide support and resources to firms seeking assistance.

Kiewit is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**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 buildup 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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[**Click Here for All Upcoming ULLA Entrepreneurship Trainings**](#)

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