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LADOTD Project
Letting Information

Get LAUCP DBE
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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@urbanleaguella.org.



The Basics of Construction Scheduling: Why Every Project Needs a Plan


Construction Business Owner Blog

What do you call a project without a plan? In the construction world, we call it a disaster waiting to happen! Proper project scheduling keeps your construction projects on track and under budget, ensuring client satisfaction and quality execution. Without a project schedule, you are bound to experience delays, budget overruns, and unsuccessful projects that hurt your bottom line. [Read More](#)

Contractor Certifications

Celebrate National Women's Small Business Month: Get Certified!

Tuesday, October 7 & 14 | ULLA HQ



Join the Urban League of Louisiana's Women's Business Resource Center this October as we celebrate **National Women's Small Business Month!** Register today for "Get Certified!", a hands-on workshop that guides small business owners through the streamlined certification process that puts all SBA certifications in one location on the MySBA Certifications platform. Topics covered include: SAM registration, 8(a), HUBZone, Veteran-owned Small Business, and Woman-owned Small Business certifications.

Sessions take place on October 7, 1:00PM-3:00PM, **and**, October 14, 5:30PM-7:30PM. Register for one or both. These sessions will be facilitated by Marjorae Ball, Economic Development Specialist, SBA Louisiana District Office, and Courtney Elzey, Principal at MCDS, LLC.



Marjorae Ball
Economic Development Specialist
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Courtney Elzey
Principal
MCDS, LLC

All attendees are required to bring a fully charged laptop for use during the workshop. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to receive advance preparation materials.

Also, please note that SAM registration is required for SBA certifications. If you are not registered on SAM.gov, please have your EIN and business checking account information on-hand in order to complete the SAM Registration during the workshop.

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



Funded [in part] through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Contractor Education
Developing an Effective Capabilities Statement
Tuesday, October 21 | 10:00am-11:30am CST | Virtual



Join the Urban League of Louisiana on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 10:00am-11:30am**, to learn best practices for developing an effective capabilities statement! 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. With an increase in the number of viable contractors available to support public and private projects, contracting across the region is now more competitive than ever. However, the critical factors are the same. Procurement leads need to understand your capabilities, your value proposition, cost competitiveness, and how well you have performed on previous projects. But, with a sea of contenders, these elements need to be even more clearly and effectively conveyed than ever before.

Your capability statement serves as your business card and should set you apart from your competitors. It is a tool that will show potential clients how your achievements, core competencies, accreditations, financial health, and experience will create value for their projects. During this interactive workshop, participants will learn the key components of a capabilities statement and will be given guidance on crafting these elements to fit your business model and offerings.

All current DBEs and aspiring DBEs are welcomed to attend.

The facilitator for this session is Courtney Elzey, Principal, MCDS, LLC. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is



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[Click Here to Register](#)

Contractor Education **2025 Business and Law Contractor's Seminar (6-Week Course)** **October 6 - November 12 | Virtual**



Construction Professionals: Are You Ready to Sharpen Your Skills?

The Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute, a partnership between Louisiana Economic Development, Louisiana Community & Technical College System and the Louisiana State

Licensing Board for Contractors, offers small and emerging construction businesses seminars and courses that assist in building a solid foundation of knowledge within the construction industry.

The Louisiana State Licensing Board of Contractors encourage and endorse this course to help small businesses learn the basic principles of how to be a better contractor. Completion of this course does not grant exemption of any licensing or examination requirements from the Louisiana State Licensing Board of Contractors.

The LCAI Business & Law Seminar is a 6-week virtual course that provides small and emerging construction businesses with critical information about construction management and operating a construction-related business.

The course will be held on Zoom from October 6 to November 12, 2025, with registration closing on **October 3, 2025**. Register today!

[Click Here to Register](#)

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OCTOBER 28-30, 2025

EMPOWERMENT & POLICY CONFERENCE AND GALA

- LOCATION: ERNEST N. MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER
- THREE DYNAMIC TRACKS: HEALTH EQUITY, WEALTH GENERATION, AND CIVIL RIGHTS
- SPECIAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM - EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION
- FEATURING NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED VOICES, STATEWIDE LEADERS, AND LOCAL EXPERTS
- ANNUAL GALA: A CELEBRATION OF LEADERSHIP, LEGACY, AND IMPACT
- ENGAGE WITH THOUGHT LEADERS, SPARK INNOVATION, AND MOBILIZE ACTION FOR LOUISIANA'S FUTURE

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