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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.



How to Protect Your Schedule & Profit: Why Minimizing Water Damage on Jobsites Shields your Business in the Long Run *Construction Business Owner Blog*

As a construction business owner, you know the risks of working on a jobsite, but few sources of loss are as frequent and increasingly costly as water damage. Nationwide's construction claims data shows that nearly one-third of all liability losses on construction sites are caused by water damage. Further, the cost of water damage claims has been rising year over year, with median claims costs up 21%. And if that doesn't concern you, then maybe this will: Since 2015, claims surpassing \$500,000 have doubled, and those over \$1 million have tripled. [Read More](#)

Contractor Education

Opportunity and Preparation: Creating a Business Development Plan for Your Construction Business

Thursday, September 25 | 10:00am-11:30am CST | Virtual

Join the Urban League of Louisiana on Thursday, September 25, 10:00am-11:30am, for

“Opportunity and Preparation: Creating a Business Development Plan for Your Construction Business.” 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.



Business development in construction management refers to a strategic and actionable plan for pursuing new business and fostering relationships with your most preferred clients. Your business development plan outlines how you identify prospects, share your capabilities, and nurture business relationships so that prospects become clients when the time is right.

During this session, contractors will learn how to increase



profitability and scalability, by creating and managing a business development strategy – one that maximizes its strengths and experience and one that targets and converts its most preferred client types. The goal is to convert prospects to clients and to turn bids into awards!

The facilitator for this session is Courtney Elzey, Principal, MCDS, LLC. There is no cost to attend, however, registration is required. Register today to reserve your spot!

[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](#)

Bid Opportunities

Landis: Esplanade Delille Apartments + Port of New Orleans

Kiewit: Louisiana International Terminal (LIT) Site Development & Wharf and Ramps Projects



ESPLANADE DELILLE APARTMENTS
1141 ESPLANADE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70116

**PROJECT
DESCRIPTION**

This scope of work consists of new construction of one mixed use building with 2 retail tenant spaces, 40 apartment units, and 2 camel-back buildings with 5 apartment units each. This project will also involve several compliance pieces including, but not limited to, HUD Section 3, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates, and participation from small, minority, and disadvantaged business firms. Please pay particular attention to the requirements set forth in the bid documents regarding these programs.

BID DATE

Thursday, September 11 2025
2:00pm

CONTACT

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TRADES

Concrete
Masonry
Structural & Decorative Metal
Pipe & Tube Railings
Rough & Finish Carpentry
Insulation
Waterproofing
Asphalt Shingles
Fiber-Cement Siding
TPO Membrane Roofing - Carlisle
Firestopping
Joint Sealants
Hollow Metal Doors/Frames/
Hardware

Wood & Fiberglass Doors
Aluminum-Framed
Storefronts
Windows
Drywall
Flooring
Painting
Specialties
Parking Control Equipment
Residential Appliances
Facility Waste Compactors
Furnishings
Elevators
Fire Suppression System

Plumbing
HVAC
Electrical
Earthwork
Landscaping
Water, Sanitary Sewerage
& Storm Drainage Utilities



Kiewit

**KIEWIT - BID SOLICITATION NOTICE FOR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS
LOUISIANA INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL SITE DEVELOPMENT & WHARF AND
RAMPS PROJECTS**

Contact: PortNolaOutreach@Kiewit.com

Project Description:

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

The LIT involves the construction of a state-of-the-art container facility on the lower Mississippi River that will serve vessels of all sizes, increasing Louisiana's import and export capacity.

Kiewit is currently soliciting bids from firms who are interested in subcontractor and supplier opportunities on the Site Development & Wharf and Ramp Projects.

BIDS ARE DUE TO KIEWIT ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 BY 4PM CDT

All bid packages will be posted to BuildingConnected by August 29, 2025.

Current bid opportunities include:

Subcontract:

- Asphalt Paving
- Building Abatement
- Building Demolition
- Clearing & Grubbing
- Concrete Pavement
- Concrete Pumping
- Demo Sawcutting
- Dewatering Sub
- Electric & Illumination
- Erosion Control
- Excavation with Vac Truck
- Fencing
- Flatwork
- Guardrail
- Instrumentation
- Landscaping
- MOT - Traffic Control
- Painting
- Potholing SUE
- Pump Station
- Railroads
- Rebar Install
- Sanitary Sewer
- Slip Formed Barrier
- Stay in Place Metal Decking
- Steel Anchor Bolts & Embeds
- Striping
- Truck / Haul
- Waterline Utilities
- Wick Drains

Supply:

- Aggregates/Backfill Material
- Bridge Bearings Pads
- Cement - Furnish
- Concrete Ready-Mix Supplier
- Conveyor / Stacking Systems
- Crane Mats
- Drainage - Plastic & Metal Pipe
- Fenders & Mooring Bollards
- Formwork Rentals / Purchase
- Geotextiles Materials
- Lime Treat
- Marine Fenders
- Misc Metals Supply
- Precast Concrete Caps, Vaults, & Planks
- Precast Concrete Girders
- Precast Concrete Piles
- Precast Drainage
- Rebar Supply
- Revetment Rock
- SEJ's (Expansion Joints)
- Steel Piling (H & Sheets)
- Structural Steel Girders & Beams

ACCESSING PROJECT DOCUMENTS AND SCOPE DETAILS:

1. Complete our [Subcontractor Questionnaire](#) to provide information about your company's capabilities and experience!
2. Sign up for a free BuildingConnected account at:
<https://app.buildingconnected.com/create-account>.
3. Access bid package details and Project information at:
<https://bit.ly/LITBidPackages>

Kiewit utilizes BuildingConnected for vendor communications regarding plans/specs/addenda distribution.

Stay tuned for notifications via email and BuildingConnected.

Subcontractors and Material Suppliers, especially including firms certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or Small Business Enterprise (SBE) by the agencies listed below, are welcomed and encouraged to submit bids.

- The City of New Orleans SLDBE program
- The State of Louisiana's Department of Economic Development's SBE Hudson Initiative program
- The Federal Small Business Enterprise Program
- The State of Louisiana Unified Certification Program or LAUCP for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

Email: PortNolaOutreach@Kiewit.com

Subcontractor Portal: <https://l.lead.me/KiewitLITProjects>

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