



EDGE: Supplier Development Program

The Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) Supplier Development Program provides minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) capacity-building programming to help small business owners interested in contracting with the City of Chicago, as well as opportunities to become suppliers for municipalities and corporations.

The program will include capacity-building services such as:

- Accessing Capital
- Bonding and Insurance
- Business Planning/Strategies
- Understanding Contracting Fundamentals
- Estimating and Bidding
- Finance and Financial Management
- Financing to Scale Business Operations
- Finding Contracting Opportunities
- Understanding Government Contracting
- Human Resources
- Marketing and Sales
- How to Obtain M/WBE Certification
- Project Management

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) and the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) were selected to provide capacity-building supplier development programming. WBDC and IHCC will present programming in collaboration with Build Bronzeville, Greater Chatham Initiative, Little Village Chamber of Commerce, and Logan Square Chamber of Commerce.

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