

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is the upcoming expo being held?
BACP is hosting its next Chicago Small Biz Expo on Saturday September 20th from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Malcolm X College.
2. Where is the venue?
The upcoming Chicago Small Biz Expo will be at Malcolm X College on Saturday September 20th from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [View on map](#).
3. Will I need a ticket?
You will not need to provide any ticket. We recommend [registering before the event](#) to allow easy entrance. Registration onsite is also available.
4. Can I bring a plus one?
Yes, you can bring a guest along.
5. Will there be food?
There will be a light breakfast provided by the City Treasurer's office during the networking session. Please feel free to bring your own water and snacks if you plan to arrive later in the day.
6. Can I bring a backpack to the expo?
Yes, however, the venue does not offer a cloakroom or storage space for bags.
7. Who is the keynote speaker?
Three-time founder and food-industry expert, Erica Bethe Levin is the founder and CEO of Globowl, a baby and toddler food company focused on early allergen introduction through internationally-inspired meals. Erica was named a 2025 Tory Burch Fellow and is a member of Northwestern University's prestigious Council of 100. Most recently, Erica was a finalist on the 2024 season of Gordon Ramsay's Food Stars on Fox and Hulu.
8. Do I need to pay to attend this expo?
No, this expo and all its components are free-to-attend and open to the public.
9. Where do I register?
Visit the [registration page](#) for registration to the expo.
10. I registered, but I haven't received a confirmation email yet.
For registration queries, please contact BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org or call 312-744-2086.

11. When will I get the confirmation email?

You should receive a confirmation email within 24 hours of registration (please check your spam folder). If you haven't, then contact BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org or call 312-744-2086.

12. What time can I arrive?

We allow entry any time between 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. but if you arrive earlier in the day, you'll be able to participate in the networking breakfast and listen to the keynote address.

13. What about parking?

Free parking is available with validation.

14. Where can I view the agenda?

View and [download the agenda](#).

15. Who will be exhibiting at the expo?

View and [download the agenda which includes exhibitors list](#). Please note that this list is subject to last-minute changes.

16. What can I expect from the expo?

At the Chicago Small Biz Expo, you will have an opportunity to

- Network with like-minded entrepreneurs.
- Gain industry expert insights.
- Expand professional network.
- Connect with government agencies.
- Be inspired and find answers.
- Get access to expert advice and free resources.
- Attend workshops and keynote address.
- Learn new actionable business strategies.
- Get professional headshots or fun selfies.
- And much more!

17. My question isn't here.

If you still have a question, please email us at BACPoutreach@cityofchicago.org