

**DPS VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS!**

To register for DPS virtual workshop, sign-up at [chicago.gov/dpsevents](http://chicago.gov/dpsevents). To request an accommodation, contact DPS Public Affairs at [dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org](mailto:dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org).

**WE ARE FAMILY! DOING BUSINESS WITH SISTER AGENCIES****Featured Speakers PBC & CHA****APRIL 6 | 2 – 3 PM**

Interested in doing business beyond the City of Chicago but not sure where to start? This workshop welcomes guest presentations that outlines the roles and responsibilities of how to do business with the City of Chicago's six sister agencies: Chicago Public Schools (CPS), City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), Public Building Commission (PBC), Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), Chicago Park District (CPD) and Chicago Transit Authority (CTA).

**WORKING WITH ASSIST AGENCIES****APRIL 7 | 2 – 3 PM**

City of Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of small, local, minority, women, veteran, and disadvantaged-owned businesses within Chicago's diverse communities. These organizations offer many resources to help businesses join us to learn how they can help you. *Note: Agencies will vary each session.*

**HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED****APRIL 13 | 2 – 3 PM**

DPS is the certifying agency for the following certifications: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Veteran-Owned Business (VBE), Business Enterprise for People with Disabilities (BEPD), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE). This workshop will provide detailed information on how to be a Chicago certified firm and the documents needed when submitting an application. Also, learn how to avoid the most common mistakes in the certification process.

**PROCUREMENT FUNDAMENTALS: DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY****APRIL 14 | 2 – 3 PM**

Do you have questions about how to become a successful bidder on City contracting opportunities? Unsure where to begin? This informational workshop highlights the role and responsibility of DPS in the City's purchasing process. Learn about different procurement methods and the laws which govern the procurement process.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & PROGRAMS****APRIL 20 | 2 – 3 PM**

The City of Chicago has created numerous initiatives to significantly increase the number of skilled residents prepared to work in growing industries. A high priority in Chicago is ensuring that disadvantaged populations have access to employment opportunities. This workshop will cover the Project Area Resident Ordinance and local hiring requirements, apprenticeship utilization and ex-offender bid incentives. Additionally, the Department of Family and Support Services and Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will feature programs they offer.

**e-PROCUREMENT 101****APRIL 21 | 2 – 3 PM**

eProcurement applies digital technology to the acquisition of goods and services. It will allow DPS to collaborate with City Departments to create solicitations and contracts online, greatly reducing the time it takes to complete procurements. Come watch a demonstration and learn about iSupplier registration, how vendors will submit bids and proposals online, and how to view contracts and payments.

Interested in more workshops? Reference all workshops, as well as information about our programs, from the DPS events and outreach page [www.chicago.gov/dpsevents](http://www.chicago.gov/dpsevents). Download all workshop PowerPoint files and stay up-to-date with DPS.