

DPS VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS!

To register for DPS virtual workshop, sign-up at chicago.gov/dpsevents. To request an accommodation, contact DPS Public Affairs at dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org.

**FIRST LOOK: THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT)
MAY 4 | 2 – 3 PM**

This workshop is geared toward those looking to learn about construction-related opportunities with the city. CDOT will provide a “First Look” at contracting opportunities that will be available as part of the new Obama Presidential Center and other projects. CDOT officials will be on hand to provide an overview of the work needed, including paving, site grading, landscaping, water main installation, as well as lighting and other electrical work.

**HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED
MAY 11 | 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 who is qualified to be a Chicago certified firm. Learn out what documents are needed when submitting an application and how to avoid the most common mistakes in the certification process. Subject matter experts will be on-hand to answer all your questions about common certification topics.

**PROCUREMENT FUNDAMENTALS: DOING BUSINESS WITH
THE CITY
MAY 12 | 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. Come learn about different procurement methods and the laws which govern the procurement process. Once completed, you will better understand what it takes before you start the bidding process and your responsibilities after you have won a contract with the City of Chicago.

**THE ABC’S OF DBE AND ACDBE CERTIFICATION
MAY 18 | 2 – 3 PM**

This workshop provides an overview of the City’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) programs. Come learn about the application process and benefits of certification as part of the Illinois Unified Certification process with the City of Chicago, Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace.

**ePROCUREMENT 101
MAY 19 | 2 – 3 PM**

DPS is continuing on the next phase of start-to-finish purchasing modernization via the implementation of a comprehensive eProcurement system. 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. Download all workshop PowerPoint files and stay up-to-date with DPS.