

DPS WORKSHOPS HAVE GONE VIRTUAL!

We are now offering our workshops virtually. To register, sign-up at chicago.gov/dpsevents. To request an accommodation, please contact DPS Public Affairs at dps.accommodations@cityofchicago.org. Join us in August for the following workshops:

FIRST LOOK: THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) ■ AUGUST 5 | 2 - 3PM

CDOT manages over 100 construction projects each year, covering a wide array of capital improvements. 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 for various projects.

COMPLIANCE 101: HONORING OBLIGATIONS TO CHICAGO TAXPAYERS ■ AUGUST 11 | 2 - 3PM

This workshop provides an overview of vendor requirements, information about paying correct wages, the City's Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) program, and Chicago Residency and Project Area Resident contracting requirements. Learn about helpful tips on how to complete bid submittal compliance documentation and also gain insight on laws, rules and regulations governing compliance.

WORKING WITH ASSIST AGENCIES: U. S. Minority Contractors Association (USMCA), The AeroStar Avion Institute, Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council (ChicagoMSDC) ■ AUGUST 12 | 2 - 3PM

City of Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of Chicago's diverse communities. These organizations offer resources to help businesses at every stage of their growth cycle as well as connect prime contractors with certified firms for subcontracting opportunities. This workshop outlines the role and responsibilities of an Assist Agency.

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ■ AUGUST 18 | 2 - 3PM

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). Learn who is qualified to be a Chicago certified firm, what documents are needed when submitting an application and how to avoid the most common mistakes in the process.

PROCUREMENT FUNDAMENTALS: DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY ■ AUGUST 19 | 2 - 3PM

Do you have questions about how to become a successful bidder on City contracts? Unsure where to begin? This workshop highlights the role and responsibility of the City's purchasing process. Learn different procurement methods and laws. Understand what it takes before you start the bidding process and your responsibilities after you have won a contract.

CONTRACTING 101: HOW TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) ■ AUGUST 25 | 2 - 3PM

This workshop is designed to teach business owners how to respond to a City of Chicago RFP. Using advice from seasoned professionals, you will learn specific details about what evaluators look for in a RFP and how to avoid common mistakes that can hurt your chances of a winning bid. Attend this workshop and you will learn how to navigate RFP specifications efficiently.

ePROCUREMENT 101 ■ AUGUST 26 | 2 - 3PM

eProcurement applies digital technology to the acquisition of goods and services, which has now become the standard solicitation method due to statewide shelter in place requirements. This class focuses on assisting prospective bidders and proposers with registering for an iSupplier account and submitting an online bid to the City. This class is open to all interested in doing business with the City.



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