

## DPS WORKSHOPS HAVE GONE VIRTUAL!

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

### TRACKING CONTRACT PAYMENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ■ OCTOBER 6 | 2 - 3PM

The Certification & Compliance (C2) Network System is a web-based tool that provides up-to-date tracking of payments made to prime contractors and sub-contractors. Prime contractors are responsible for reporting payments to all sub-contractors on a monthly basis. Come learn the roles and responsibilities of both the prime and subcontractors.

### FIRST LOOK: THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT (DWM) ■ OCTOBER 7 | 2 - 3PM

DWM will preview potential upcoming construction contracts for the year. Additionally, focused on the ambitious 10-year Capital Improvement Plan, DWM has opportunities in water and sewer main replacement, facilities modernization and construction projects. These contracts, both term agreements will be available to bid by vendors and DWM staff will be available to provide specifics on these upcoming projects.

### HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ■ OCTOBER 13 | 2 - 3PM

DPS is the certifying agency for the following certifications: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Women-Owned Business Enterprise, Veteran-Owned Business, Business Enterprise for People with Disabilities, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE). Learn who is qualified to be a certified firm, the documents are needed when submitting and how to avoid common mistakes.

### PROCUREMENT FUNDAMENTALS: DOING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY ■ OCTOBER 14 | 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.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & PROGRAMS ■ OCTOBER 20 | 2 - 3PM

The City of Chicago has created numerous initiatives to increase the number of skilled residents prepared to work in growing industries. 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 & Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will feature programs they offer.

### ePROCUREMENT 101 ■ OCTOBER 21 | 2 - 3PM

eProcurement applies digital technology to the acquisition of goods and services, which has now become the standard solicitation method. 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.

### CONTRACTING 101: HOW TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

■ OCTOBER 27 | 2 - 3PM

This workshop is designed to teach business owners how to respond to a City of Chicago RFP. You will learn specific details about what evaluators look for in a RFP and common mistakes that can hurt your chances of a winning bid. Learn how to navigate RFP specifications efficiently.

### FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

■ OCTOBER 28 | 2 - 3PM

In today's business environment the Financial Services industry is constantly evolving to encompass a broad range of services and programs for businesses. This panel will explore Financial Services key issues and opportunities and share an array of innovative solutions and best practices.



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