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A Newsletter that connects the Florida Department of Transportation, Primes & Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

DBE Specialized Development Program

A Focused Approach To Assisting Prime Contractors



DBE RESOURCES

DBEs can access free Technical Assistance by contacting:

Blackmon Roberts Group www.brgfl.com

Phone: 863-802-1280

The Florida Department of Transportation's Construction Management Development Program and Bond Guarantee Program provides assistance to small businesses & Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to help them perform successfully on FDOT contracts. Assistance is provided in the areas of business and technical training and bond guarantees.

To access the Construction Management Development Program & Bond Guarantee Construction Estimating Institute (CEI)

www.cmdp-bgp.com Phone: (800) 423-7058.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DBE companies are encouraged to check the FDOT DBE Specialized Development Program's website regularly for dates of important project meetings, workshops and FDOT forums: Click here for the full calendar

Construction Management
Development Program
Classroom Training Schedule
Click here for the class
schedules



NEW BIDDER ORIENTATIONS

Each FDOT District hosts New Bidder Orientations monthly. To learn about the dates, locations and times for New Bidder Orientations click here.



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I-4 Ultimate Project

The **I-4 Ultimate Project** is a large transportation infrastructure project that involves the design, reconstruction and construction to widen I-4; from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of SR 434 in Seminole County. Below are some interesting project facts:

Construction Length: 21.11 miles

Construction Cost: Approximately \$2 Billion

Bridges: 56 New (Including Pedestrian Crossings)

71 Replacements10 Modifications1 Temporary Bridge

New Provider for the FDOT Construction Management Development Program and Bond Guarantee Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) is the new provider for the FDOT CMDP/BGP. The **CMDP** is a voluntary program designed to improve and develop skills of owners and managers enabling them to perform successfully on FDOT projects. This program offers classroom and on-the-job training and technical assistance for small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises involved in or who want to increase their work with FDOT.

The **BGP** is a financial support program, which the State of Florida acts as a second surety, to assist DBEs working on FDOT projects in securing construction bonds for FDOT projects. Participation in the BGP and attendance at bonding seminars is limited to those DBEs who have been awarded a Certificate of Proficiency and have documented knowledge of the principles of construction bonding. The BGP Provides:

- Direct Access to Bonding.
- The opportunity to establish a bonding track record.
- Bond guarantees up to 90% for a contract of \$250,000 or less.
- Bond Guarantees up to 80% for a contract greater than \$250,000 and no more than \$500,000.

More information about the CMDP and BGP can be obtained from the Construction Estimating Institute. (800) 423-7058 or log on to www.cmdp-bqp.com.



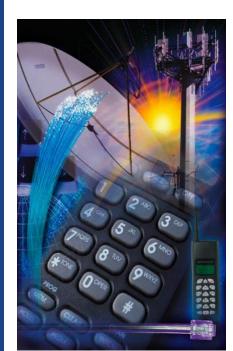
FDOT Supportive Services Providers

FDOT provides supportive services to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) conducting business with or seeking to conduct business with the Department. Supportive Services are those activities and services that are designed to contribute to the growth and eventual self-sufficiency of DBEs so that they may achieve proficiency in competing for contracts and subcontracts. A list of FDOT Supportive Service Providers can be found on the FDOT website.



DBE Profile Updates

The DBE Specialized Development Program relies on updated data from DBEs in order to 1.) Identify and match opportunities between Prime Contractors and DBEs and, 2.) Increase the number of DBEs participating on FDOT projects. DBEs should update their company data by clicking on the "DBE LOGIN" located on the FDOT DBE Services website.



Financing and Bonding Program

The FDOT DBE Supportive Services Program has been successful in assisting DBEs to secure over \$2 million in bonds and more than \$1 million in financing!

You Can Be Next!

If you are a DBE needing financing or bonding assistance to improve your ability to grow your company, improve your cash flow, and enable you to bid on more projects, please visit the website:

www.fdotdbeservices.com or contact us at 1 (855) 422-FDOT (3368).

Visit our website at

<u>www.fdotdbeservices.com</u>, where you will receive valuable resources and information to assist your company in doing business with FDOT. On the website you will find the following:

- Financing and Bonding Assistance
- Project Bidding Opportunities
- Learning Center with Training & Software Resources
 - IBM Small Business Toolkit and much more!



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