

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 June for the following workshops:

BUILDING CHICAGO! CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACTING OVERVIEW ■ JUNE 2 | 2 - 3PM

Construction-focused workshop that provides an overview of the bidding process and highlights programs related to construction opportunities. Additionally, learn about the Job Order Contract (JOC), another delivery method for the City to procure construction services. JOC is a firm, fixed price, competitive bid with indefinite quantity, delivery method designed to produce a large number of multi-trade, repair and rehabilitation projects quickly.

HOW TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE ECONOMIC

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (EDS) ■ JUNE 9 | 2 - 3PM

DPS has made it a priority to ensure that all interested businesses have the resources to compete for City contracts. This workshop features incentives and programs created to increase vendor diversity. Learn about ways to grow your business, increase capacity, foster business relationships, and be more competitive on contracts. Learn about the Small Business Initiative, BEPD Incentive, M/WBE Mentorship Program, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise, and more.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ■ JUNE 10 | 2 - 3PM

INCENTIVES & PROGRAMS

The City has created many initiatives to increase the number of skilled residents prepared to work in growing industries. Ensuring that disadvantaged populations have access to employment opportunities in Chicago is a high priority. This workshop covers the Project Area Resident Ordinance, local hiring requirements, apprenticeship utilization and ex-offender bid incentives. Additionally, the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will provide an overview of programs they offer.

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ■ JUNE 16 | 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 ■ JUNE 17 | 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.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES ■ JUNE 23 | 2 - 3PM

FOR YOUR BUSINESS ***NEW FOR 2021***

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.

ePROCUREMENT 101 ■ JUNE 24 | 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.

ALL ACCESS TO MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ■ JUNE 30 | 2 - 3PM

Meet the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) as they discuss programs offered for the disabled community with a focus on entrepreneurs. Additionally, DPS will present an overview of the programs and incentives offered including the certification for Business Enterprises Owned or Operated by People with Disabilities (BEPD), which also includes service-disabled veterans.



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