

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 March for the following workshops:



SAVE THE DATE: 2021 VIRTUAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT

MARCH 25 | 10 AM - 5 PM

The 2021 Construction Summit is a one-day conference held this year virtually. At the Summit, local construction industry members and practitioners will come together to learn about key trends and concepts for advancing their business. Subject matter experts will provide insight in 5 different sessions that cover information about upcoming contracting opportunities from key City infrastructure departments, which manage hundreds of construction projects annually. For more information and to stay up-to-date, visit www.chicago.gov/construction

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & PROGRAMS

MARCH 3 | 2 - 3PM

The City has created numerous initiatives to significantly 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 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 and Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will feature programs they offer.

FIRST LOOK: DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MARCH 4 | 2 - 3PM

The "First Look" series rotates user department subject matter experts highlighting operational needs and upcoming contracting opportunities. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) will provide information about upcoming contracting and infrastructure opportunities. DPD manages hundreds of construction projects annually.

HOW TO BECOME CERTIFIED ■ MARCH 10 | 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). This workshop provides detailed information on who is qualified to be a Chicago certified firm. Learn 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.

ePROCUREMENT 101 ■ MARCH 11 | 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. Vendors who need to respond to an eProcurement solicitation as a result of a recent conversion from paper solicitations are encouraged to attend.

WORKING WITH ASSIST AGENCIES IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Chicago Women in Trades and Revolution Workshop

MARCH 17 | 2 - 3PM

City of Chicago Assist Agencies are comprised of not-for-profit agencies and/or chambers of commerce that represent the interests of small, local, minority, women, veteran, and disadvantaged-owned businesses within Chicago's diverse communities. These organizations offer many 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 will outline the role and responsibilities of an Assist Agency.

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