



WSDOT

DBE NEWS

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

WSDOT will be publishing future newsletters on a quarterly basis. Look for the next edition in March 2015.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS...

Do you have ideas on how to improve the DBE Program or concerns that need to be addressed? Please send your questions, comments and suggestions to WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity at DEBESS@wsdot.wa.gov or call toll free (888) 259-9143.

DBE Opportunity Forums

WSDOT is holding "Opportunity Forums" to share information about transportation contracting prospects. At these forums you will also have an opportunity to network with WSDOT project staff, purchasing personnel, and prime contractors. Participants will hear information about upcoming local construction projects, as well as the benefits of the DBE program.

Each Forum will be discussing local opportunities. For more information, see the schedule below:

- **Olympic Region Opportunities:**
5 – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27
WSDOT Maintenance Facility, conference room
11211 41st Ave. SW, Lakewood
- **Southwest Region Opportunities:**
5 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 28
WSDOT Southwest Region Headquarters, cafeteria
11018 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver
- **Northwest Region, SR 520 Program and Alaskan Way Viaduct Program:**
5 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29
WSDOT Northwest Region Headquarters, cafeteria
15700 Dayton Ave N, Shoreline
- **Northwest Region Opportunities:**
5 – 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3
WSDOT Maintenance Office, conference room
3920 Airport Way, Bellingham
- **North and South Central Region Opportunities:**
5 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 4
WSDOT South Central Region, boardroom
2809 Rudkin Road, Union Gap
- **Eastern Region Opportunities:**
5 – 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5
WSDOT Eastern Region Headquarters, Spokane County conference room
2714 N. Mayfair St., Spokane

For more information or to RSVP, please call toll free (888) 259-9143 or email DEBESS@wsdot.wa.gov.

WSDOT Contractor Civil Rights Program Training

WSDOT will be conducting Contractor Civil Rights Program Trainings for prime and subcontractors, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and non-DBEs. These trainings are geared towards contractors and will provide participants with a variety of program updates and overviews. These trainings will better prepare your company to work for WSDOT as a DBE and with the DBE Program. Trainings include:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program
- Equal Employment Opportunity Program
- On-the-Job Training Supportive Services
- Title VI
- USDOT's Bonding Education Program and Short-Term Lending Program
- DBE Certification Program/ North American Industry Classification System Codes
- Tribal Requirements
- USDOT Office of the Inspector General

WSDOT Contractor Civil Rights Program Training (continued)

These trainings are hosted by the WSDOT Office of Equal Opportunity, but include representatives from WSDOT's Headquarters Construction, the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, Tribal Employments Rights Programs, USDOT's Small Business Transportation Resource Center, and USDOT's Office Inspector General. The trainings will be held on the following dates and locations from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted:

- Bellingham, Wednesday, Feb. 4
Lummi Administration Building
2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Shoreline, Thursday, Feb. 12
Shoreline Business Center - Mt. Rainier Conference Room
18560 1st Ave. NE., Shoreline
- Kent, Wednesday, Feb. 18
WSDOT Kent Maintenance Facility
26620 68th Ave. S., Kent
- Olympia, Thursday, Feb. 26
Ramada Inn - Rainier Room
4520 Martin Way E., Olympia
- Vancouver, Thursday, March 5
WSDOT Southwest Region Office
11018 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver
- Spokane, Thursday, March 12
Mirabeau Park Hotel
N 1100 Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley
- Yakima, Thursday, March 25
Red Lion Hotel & Conference
607 E Yakima Ave., Yakima

For more information, or to register, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/localprograms/ltap/. If you have any questions, please contact John Huff, DBE Program Supervisor at (360) 705-7010.

Procurement and Technical Assistance Centers

By working with the Procurement and Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Washington State companies have reported winning more than \$463 million in local, state and federal contracts since 2010. Washington PTAC counselors across the state are dedicated to providing businesses with no-cost assistance that will help them meet their government contracting goals. If you are a business in Washington State, please reach out to a counselor near you with your questions and challenges related to finding opportunities, bidding on solicitations, networking with primes, getting paid, registrations, certifications, and more!

Interested in a training opportunity not offered in your area? See your PTAC counselor for alternate learning opportunities. For more information on their events please visit: www.washingtonptac.org/events.

If you are interested in a course that has a fee and is tied to WSDOT work, as a DBE you may qualify for the class for free, email DBESS@wsdot.wa.gov for more information.

Two of the Largest Government Tradeshow in Washington – Coming this March!

Alliance Northwest

March 5, 2015
Washington State Fair in Puyallup
Sleep Country Showplex
110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$85.00
<http://alliancencwconference.org/>

Alliance Northwest is one of the largest business-to-government conferences in the Pacific Northwest. This event features keynote speakers, high quality workshops, and matchmaking sessions with government agencies and prime contractors. If you are looking to network with a broad mix of contractors be sure to attend this event. The early bird registration and pricing ends January 31st, so register soon!

Regional Contracting Forum

March 10, 2015
Washington State Convention Center
800 Convention Place, Seattle
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: Free
www.kingcounty.gov/contractforum

At the Regional Contracting Forum you get to introduce your business to the Region's largest government entities: King County, Port of Seattle, University of Washington, Sound Transit, Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, Washington State Department of Transportation, Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Owned Business Enterprises, Port of Tacoma, City of Seattle and others. Attendees have the opportunity to meet government contracting representatives and to network with contractors, consultants, and suppliers all at one event.

If you are trying to step into government contracting this is the place to be, plus it's **FREE!**