

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Department of Transportation



**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Dear DDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participant:

Welcome to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT)'s Business Opportunity and Workforce Development Center. DDOT seeks to increase business opportunities for small business enterprises in the highway construction industry. By building successful partnerships with a diverse cadre of women and minority-owned businesses, DDOT can develop its pool of qualified highway construction contractors, and increase economic competitiveness across the region.

With the support and funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, DDOT administers a business development program aimed at fulfilling its mission in assisting small business entrepreneurs with successfully competing for procurement contracts on federal highway projects. Guided by Title 49 CFR Part 26, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Supportive Services Program (DBE/SS) is designed to serve your business needs. DDOT-certified DBEs enjoy an array of services through the DBE/SS Program.

DDOT's community-based resource center, the Business Opportunity and Workforce Development Center (BOWDC) is a central hub that provides up-to-date information on contracting and procurement opportunities for DBEs. BOWDC is located at 2311 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, two blocks from the Anacostia Metro Station on the Green Line. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. BOWDC staff and its supportive services partners are available to help DBEs identify contracting opportunities, provide information regarding training workshops targeted to small businesses and other resources. The center also has current contract solicitations for public review prior to purchase.

BOWDC, in collaboration with the DBE/SS Program provides post-certification orientation sessions for all newly certified and current DBE firms. Our bi-monthly webinar, *DDOT 101*, provides an overview of DDOT's organization, as well as helpful tips on navigating the agency's procurement process. The BOWDC staff also conducts personalized orientation sessions scheduled at your convenience. DBE firms also receive bi-weekly announcements featuring upcoming business opportunities, and small business development training resources; quarterly newsletters; and invitations to networking events. **Please contact our BOWDC at (202) 645-8620 to find out more about our services and to schedule an orientation session.**

Thank you for doing business with DDOT.