

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Fact Sheet

What is the Business Opportunity and Workforce Development Center?

The Business Opportunity and Workforce Development Center (BOWDC) is administered under the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and its partner agency, the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services (DOES). This creative partnership is designed to better serve growing entrepreneurs. The BOWDC is a centralized hub providing local residents and certified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) with information on business opportunities with DDOT, and technical assistance for entrepreneurs who are interested in DBE certification. At the BOWDC, residents who reside in Wards 6, 7, and 8 receive information regarding employment and training opportunities on locally and federally-funded projects. The BOWDC supports the mission and goals of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, specifically, economic growth and commercial development, transportation improvements, workforce training, apprenticeships, and business opportunities by ensuring that residents who are underrepresented in these areas receive the support they need to be successful. The BOWDC is staffed by knowledgeable personnel from each of the partnering agencies and will allow local residents to ask specific questions that are addressed in a one-on-one setting.

Where is the Center located?

The BOWDC is located at 2311 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020, 2 ½ blocks from the Anacostia Metro Station on the Green Line.

What Can Residents Expect When They Visit the Center?

At the BOWDC, community residents will have access to the following information and resources:

Services Provided by DDOT

- **Community Outreach:** DDOT staff will provide regular community presentations on business opportunities with the Department, brown bag lunch presentations and scheduled informational workshops.
- **Virtual Resource Center:** On-site computer access will be provided with easy-to-navigate links to various District businesses and local government agencies.
- **Centralized Information Source:** Staff and literature will provide information and contacts for other District government agencies, community-based resources, nonprofit organizations and special programs.
- **Business Opportunities**
 - DDOT will provide information about business opportunities related to surrounding transportation improvement projects.
 - Convenient locations to view public documents on current solicitations.

- **Economic Opportunities**
 - Conduct LSDBE/DBE Growth Strategy Forums and Certification Workshops.
 - Build the mechanisms to enhance local labor force development through job training and apprenticeships.

- **Project and Study Resource Center**
 - Information on projects and studies underway as part of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, specifically, near-term projects such as the Frederick Douglass Bridge Rehabilitation Project, the new 11th Street Bridges and streetscape upgrades will be available.
 - Information and visuals for the long-term initiative to replace the Frederick Douglass Bridge, including current environmental impact studies.
 - Learn more on the proposed infrastructure and streetscape improvements in the historic Anacostia neighborhood, including the Great Streets Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue project. This project is intended to improve public space and enhance all modes of transportation, including pedestrian, vehicular and public transit, as part of an overall effort to promote and enhance economic development along the Avenue.

Services Provided by DOES

- **Access to DOES Personnel:** DOES personnel will be available at the Anacostia Office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Job Opportunities:**
 - Information on job opportunities specific to the Anacostia Waterfront Revitalization;
 - Employment and training assistance, including information about apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and on-the-job training;
 - Information on upcoming workshops and job fairs within the D.C. area;
 - Referrals to one-stop career centers for case management services and job placement;
 - Labor market information; and
 - Access to various on-line job search resources, including the DOES Virtual One-Stop (VOS) system.

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