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## **Summit for Success: IDOT providing tools, opportunity for disadvantaged businesses**

*Free event helps female- and minority-owned firms do business with state*

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation will host Summit for Success on Saturday, July 21, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive. The free conference assists female- and minority-owned businesses in developing skills, knowledge and capabilities to do business with the state.

“Creating opportunity for disadvantaged businesses is at the core of IDOT’s commitment to diversity,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Blankenhorn. “This conference is just one of many resources designed to foster a more inclusive business environment and promote increased competition on state projects.”

The Summit for Success conference, presented by IDOT’s Office of Business and Workforce Diversity, offers workshops, seminars on best practices, and networking opportunities for firms and contractors wanting to do business with the state through the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program.

The event is well attended by subcontractors and prime contractors in construction, trucking, engineering and other consulting services. Click [here](#) for registration information and other event details.

For more information on becoming a certified DBE, visit IDOT’s [DBE Certification](#) website. Contact [DOT.SupportiveServices@illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.SupportiveServices@illinois.gov) or call (217) 782-5490 with any questions.

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