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Building Blocks of Success: IDOT announces February dates for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program workshops

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting free virtual workshops in February as part of its Building Blocks of Success series for firms interested in participating in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, strengthening their skills and bidding on state projects. The workshops are open to all, but some are tailored to specific districts/regions of the state.

The workshop dates and topics are:

- Feb. 1: Understanding Insurance and Bonding Requirements, 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 4: Learning PreCons, 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 15: Contractor/Sub Agreements, 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 18: Scheduling the Work, 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 23: Meet the RE, 10 a.m. to noon
- Feb. 25: Daily Documentation and Diary, 10 a.m. to noon

Building Blocks of Success will be conducted through April. Workshop information, including dates and times, will be made available through Eventbrite at bit.ly/DBEworkshops. Advance registration is required.

Questions can be directed to the DBE resource center at (312) 939-1100.

As part of Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan $45 billion Rebuild Illinois, IDOT is helping to deliver the largest capital program in state history. Beyond construction and maintenance projects, IDOT strives to promote equity and inclusion, as well as diversifying its job sites and workforce to reflect the communities it serves.

Administered by IDOT, the DBE program provides minorities, women and other eligible small businesses an opportunity to participate in highway, transit and airport contracts that are federal and state funded. For more information on becoming a certified DBE and learning more about IDOT resources that are available, visit www.idot.illinois.gov/dbe.

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