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## **Building Blocks of Success: IDOT announces December dates for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program workshops**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting free virtual workshops in December 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 workshop dates and topics are:

- Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to noon: Job/Project Costing and Work-in-Progress Schedule
- Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to noon: Budgeting and Cashflow Management
- Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to noon: DBE Certification Workshop
- Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to noon: Standard Specifications - Section 100
- Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon: Standard Specifications - Forms, Standards and Pay Items
- Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to noon: Basic Plan Review
- Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to noon: Contract Compliance Documentation

Future topics covered include financing, QuickBooks training, estimating and bidding, insurance, management, steps needed to be certified as a DBE firm and more.

Building Blocks of Success will continue through April. Workshop information, including dates and times, is available through Eventbrite at [bit.ly/DBEworkshops](https://bit.ly/DBEworkshops). Advance registration is required.

Questions can be directed to IDOT's DBE Resource Center at (312) 939.1100.

As part of Gov. Pritzker's historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois program, IDOT is helping to deliver the largest capital program in state history. IDOT strives to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the implementation of this program, including contracting and workforce participation.

Administered by IDOT, the DBE program provides minorities, women and other eligible small businesses opportunities to participate in highway, transit and airport contracts that are federally 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](https://www.idot.illinois.gov/dbe).

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