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The Ohio Business Development Center Construction Academy to start soon

The Ohio Business Development Center is gearing up for its third series of providing construction skills training to area small contractors. There is a tremendous need to supplemental training for area small, minority and female owned construction companies.

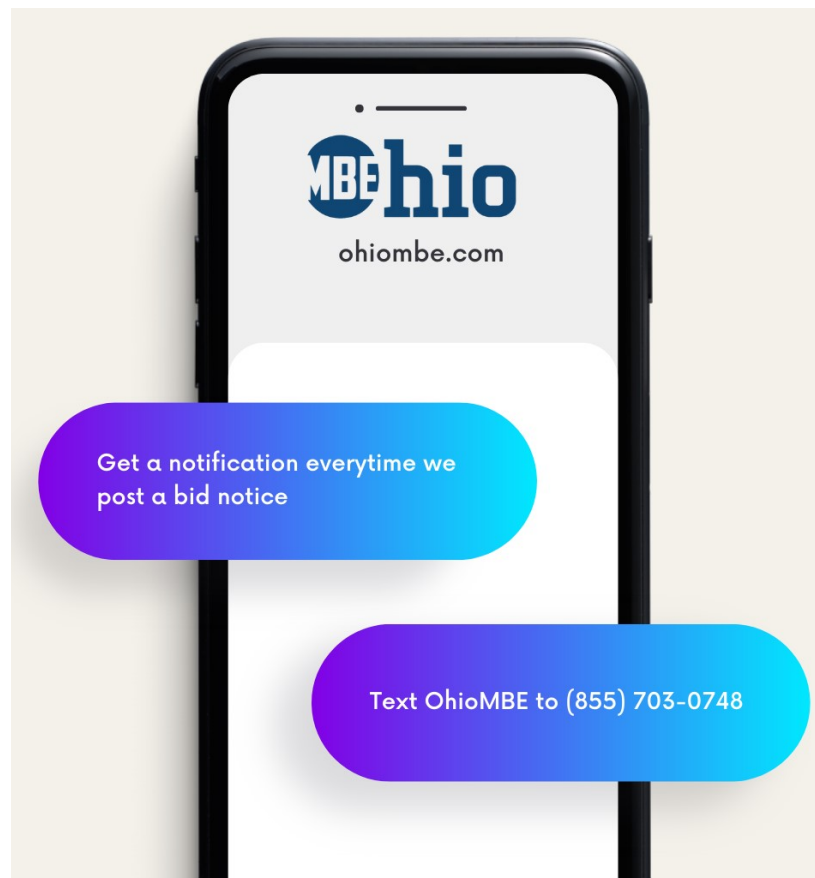


The lack of technical and administrative skills is a barrier. Small construction companies can not participate in the growing construction economy, if they are unable to read construction documents and prepare bids. Most small contractors are very skilled at their craft, but lack construction management training.

The series will include training in reading construction documents, how to prepare a bid, scheduling, protecting your brand, business certifications, loans, bonding, accounting for contractors and legal issues for contractors.

“We are excited about the upcoming course offering for the OBDC Construction Academy. The goal is to help enhance the skills of area contractors,"said OBDC CEO Ronda Watson Barber. “We are partnering with some really great experts to help build the capacity of our clients. There are big construction opportunities on the horizon and we want to make sure our contractors are ready.”

The OBDC Construction Academy is hosted by the City of Columbus Planroom, 1393 E. Broad St. Registration opens on August 1. Visit OHBDC.org for information.



publisher's note

“As Black women, our fight has always been — and continues to be — about the human right to control our body, our work and our community.” ~ *Marcela Howell*

bid opportunities

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
NEW VILLAGE DECK REPLACEMENT

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) will receive bids from qualified contractors for New Village Deck Replacement, 135 E. 2nd Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. All bids will be accepted and publicly opened on Friday, August 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., during a virtual bid opening, via Zoom. The link will be provided 48 hours before the bid opening at <https://cmhanet.com/Business/ConstructionContracts> or email Chris Finney (cfinney@cmhanet.com) to obtain the link before the bid opening and no later than 10:00 a.m. on August 12, 2022. Since the bid opening will be virtual, bids are preferred to be mailed. However, bids will still be accepted if they are dropped off in person before 11:00 a.m. on August 12, 2022, and are time stamped. If you plan to drop off your bid, please notify the security officer at the front door of a "BID," and they will time stamp it. A pre-bid meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Chris Finney to obtain the link. Contract Documents may be viewed at <https://cmhanet.com/Business/ConstructionContracts>. Bidders may obtain Contract Documents from DC Alpha Graphics, 1254 Courtland Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43201 or at www.dcplanroom.com; Phone: 614-297-1200; Fax: 614-297-1300, starting Monday, July 18, 2022, upon receipt of a refundable company check or money order for \$50.00, payable to CMHA. Bidders must agree to comply with the Davis-Bacon Labor Standards of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and Section 3 of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended. Bidders are asked to assist CMHA in meeting their Minority Business Enterprise goal of 20% and Section 3 goal of 10%. A 5% bid bond must be submitted with the bid.



Columbus City Schools seeks LEDE vendors

How do I become a Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise (LEDE) Vendor with Columbus City Schools?

Your Columbus City Schools Vendor Number allows you to conduct business with the School District.

You must first complete the CCS Vendor Application by visiting: www.columbus.k12.oh.us.

Click VENDORS and complete the On-Line Vendor Registration and provide all pertinent information or by contacting the district's Purchasing Department at: (614) 365-5820.

Once registered as a Vendor with Purchasing, please complete the Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise (LEDE) Vendor Affidavit also on the district's website. This form must be Signed and Notarized. You can also contact the Outreach Office at: (614) 365-8732 or outreachservices@columbus.k12.oh.us



COLUMBUS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority values diversity and inclusion and the impact small and minority-owned firms have on the Central Ohio economy. The Columbus Regional Airport Authority invites you to access the following link: www.columbusairports.diversitycompliance.com to register to do business with us and to view new bid opportunities and results.

Email BusinessDiversity@ColumbusAirports.com for questions about the Diversity Programs at Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

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INVITATION TO BID B22003

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority at 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307 will receive sealed bids until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Tuesday, August 9, 2022** at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Buchtel Roof Replacement & Related Work 77 E. Buchtel Ave. Akron, Ohio 44305

Specifications can be purchased at SE Blueprint, 540 South Main Street, Suite 211, Akron, Ohio 44311. (330) 376-1689 or at seblue@seblueprint.com

An email link for the above mentioned specifications is available at the Subcontractors Association NEO, 637 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; Akron Urban League, Minority Business Assistance Center, 440 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; the Builders Exchange of Canton, 5080 Aultman Rd., North Canton, Ohio; Builders Exchange of Cleveland, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio; and the Ohio Construction News, 7261 Engle Road, Suite 304, Cleveland, Ohio.

To be considered Bids must be received by AMHA no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday August 9, 2022. Questions contact Carla Horton, Contracting Officer at 330-376-7128.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance are asked to contact AMHA's ADA Coordinator, 100 West Cedar Street, Akron Ohio 44307, 330-762-9631 or Ohio Relay at 800-750-0750 at least seven (7) days in advance.

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Herman Hill
Executive Director



INVITATION TO BID B22019

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority at 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307 will receive sealed bids until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Thursday, August 4, 2022** at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

Roof Repair and Related Work at Marian Hall 491 Vernon Odom Blvd. Akron, Ohio 44307

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Why you should get your business certified?

There are several reasons why you should get your business certified:

1. Some entities have purchasing goals. Only certified businesses can participate.
2. Certification adds legitimacy to your business. You have gone through a process that has determined that your business is owned and controlled by a minority, woman or disadvantaged business.
3. Certification can afford you loan and bonding opportunities. The State of Ohio has loan and bonding programs specifically for certified minority owned businesses.
4. Certification can be a marketing tool for your business. You can add your certifications to your marketing materials, business cards, website, etc. Many consumers like doing business with veteran, minority or woman owned businesses.
5. Certification can be used in the private sector. Many companies don't have a certifying program but in an effort to have supplier diversity, will accept the certifications from some governmental agencies.

Attend a class and learn how to get your business certified. Visit OHBDC.eventbrite.com for the upcoming class schedule.

Ohio Diversity Network



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who will offer a discount when presented with the Ohio Black Card.

The Ohio Black Card mobile app is available on Google Play and The App Store.

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