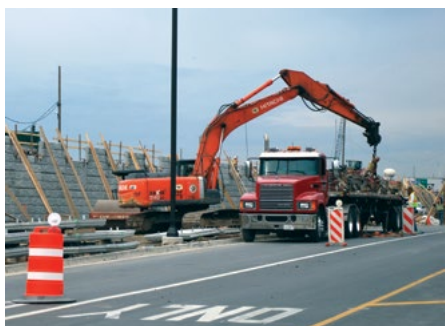


ILLINOIS TOLLWAY: MAKING A CONNECTION

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



PROGRAM GOAL

The Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program is designed to prepare established transportation-related construction firms including disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, service disabled, veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) as well as small businesses to participate as prime contractors on highway and vertical construction contracts.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants will receive comprehensive, customized business development assistance to build financial understanding and business plan development for increased business stability and growth in the transportation-related construction industry. Services are customized to the assessed strengths, challenges and needs of participating firms. This includes education, guidance and feedback on general business and construction-specific operations, including strategic planning and assistance with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) pre-qualification application.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTERED BY HACIA



PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

- \$750,000 minimum annual revenue
- A minimum of five years in business
- Subcontractor experience on major highways, roads, bridges or vertical construction projects
- Moderate to proficient computer skills
- Proficient in blueprint reading, general documents and specifications

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants may download the HACIA application online at www.illinoistollway.com, or request an application by contacting Cirse Ruiz or Dr. Gail Frazier.

Applicants will be scheduled for an interview and notified of their acceptance into the program.

NOTE: Applicants who do not qualify will be referred to suitable programs to meet their needs.

Application Deadlines Session One: July 15, 2016
 Session Two: January 16, 2017

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Completed applications must be sent to Cirse Ruiz at HACIA Scholarship and Education Foundation.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTERED BY ILLINOIS BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ILBCC)



Illinois Black Chamber
Of Commerce

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

- Experience in construction-related industry including heavy highway and vertical projects
- Licensed to do business in the state of Illinois
- Federal Employer Identification Number and unemployment tax identification number
- Basic bookkeeping
- Computer access and possess basic computer skills

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants will complete a contractor assessment form which may be downloaded at www.illinoistollway.com. Once the assessment form is submitted, each firm will be invited to an interview. After the interview and a review of the required documentation, ILBCC will assess each firm and provide a customized technical assistance plan.

Application Deadline

Contractor applications are accepted on an ongoing basis with training provided quarterly.

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