



## **ODOT, partners to hold small business training in Ada**

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Throughout the summer, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Supportive Services Division will be visiting various communities in Oklahoma. The goal is to better understand the needs of the DBE community and also to meet more disadvantaged or small businesses engaged in heavy highway construction. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation DBE Supportive Services is looking for businesses that can become active participants in ODOT's federally funded construction projects.

In addition, the DBE Supportive Services Division will be distributing information on the Oklahoma Unified Certification Program. The OUCP was established in 2002 to provide "one-stop shopping" to applicants for certification in the DBE Program. The applicant is required to apply only once for DBE certification which will be honored by all U.S. Department of Transportation recipients in the state. The department makes all certification decisions on behalf of all USDOT recipients in the state, including projects on highways, at airports, and providers of transit services. Only certified firms may be used on a USDOT-assisted contract in order to meet DBE goals.

Supportive Services is collaborating with the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network and the Pontotoc Technology Center to hold a two hour training and information session on June 26. This training will be held on the Pontotoc Technology Center campus in Ada. This training and information session will help identify local subcontractors who are active in heavy highway construction.

Date: Tuesday, June 26  
Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
Location: Pontotoc Technology Center  
Main Building – West End – Room 415  
601 W. 33rd Street, Ada

The DBE Supportive Services Program offers Certified DBEs the opportunity to obtain a free business assessment. The assessment focuses on determining a business' strengths, opportunities for improvement and ways to improve bottom line performance.

Registration for the training is not required. However, if you know of a company in your area that ODOT should meet, or if your company is interested in setting up an individual meeting regarding the DBE Program, please call Martha Garcia at 405-521-6411.

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