

Illinois Department of Transportation's Business Development Program Foundation for Growth

IDOT is committed to providing support and development to DBEs in Illinois. The Foundation for Growth Business Development Program is a program designed to evaluate and provide a structured process for DBEs to receive firm-specific training and guidance to assist in their growth and competitiveness within the transportation industry. The program will provide each DBE firm with a full business analysis; tailored targeted training that may be eligible for reimbursement, and a host of other opportunities to increase the competitiveness of the participants.

Firms who are interested in the Business Development Program must complete the Needs Assessment which is available for download online and can be submitted via email to Dana.Goodrum@illinois.gov.

For questions or more information contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 782-5490.

Business Development Program
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The Bureau of Small Business Enterprises is pleased to announce its launch of the Business Development Program where DBE's have access to:

- Full Business Analysis
- Reimbursed Specialized Training
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Networking Opportunities

Foundation for Growth will assist in providing targeted training to a firm's specific business weaknesses and growth opportunities. The DBE Needs Assessment, required for all certified DBE firms seeking supportive services, also serves as the BDP application.

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EMERGING DBE FIRMS	DEVELOPING DBE FIRMS	TRANSITIONING DBE FIRMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certified in an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to Expand into an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> District DBE Population <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Firm Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Firm Utilization <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessment Review <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Term <p>Emerging Firms are categorized as newly certified DBE firms, being in the program less than 3 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certified in an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to Expand into an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> District DBE Population <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Firm Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Firm Utilization <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessment Review <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Term <p>Developing DBE Firms are categorized as certified firms being in the program at least 3 years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Certified in an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to Expand into an Underutilized Work Category <input type="checkbox"/> District DBE Population <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Firm Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Firm Utilization <input type="checkbox"/> Interest in Bidding as a Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessment Review <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Term <p>Transitioning DBE Firms are categorized as certified firms being in the program at least 3 years.</p>