



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

POWERED BY THE ILLINOIS TOLLWAY

Equipping Businesses for Success

PROGRAM GOAL

The Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program is designed to prepare emerging and 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 on highway and vertical construction contracts.






PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants will receive comprehensive, customized business development assistance to build financial understanding and business plans for increased 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. Programs are either self-paced (participants determine how quickly the program is completed) or cohort-based (a group setting that invites a collaborative learning environment).



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Business Classifications			
Level 1*–Emerging Businesses	●		●
Level 2*–Established Businesses		●	●
Services			
Access to capital/Financing	●	●	●
Bonding/Insurance	●	●	●
Business management and business operations	●	●	●
Certification	●	●	
Estimating/Bid Assistance	●	●	●
CDB/IDOT pre-qualification application assistance	●	●	●
Microsoft Project		●	●
Office 365 Cloud and Office Dynamics Software			
PlanSwift			
Prevailing wage and labor issues	●	●	●
Project management/ Scheduling		●	●
QuickBooks for contractors	●	●	●
Safety/Field operations	●	●	●
Strategic planning and partnership development		●	●
Website development	●		●

*Learn more about business classifications under "Who Should Apply" on back of brochure.



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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Level 1 - Emerging businesses; little-to-no experience bidding on Tollway or other transportation agency contracts and need for assistance with basic business infrastructure and bid processes

Level 2 - Established businesses; some experience with bidding on Tollway or other transportation agency contracts; previously awarded Tollway or other transportation agency work as subcontractors; ready to receive assistance to participate on Tollway work as a prime or sub contractor.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a completed Technical Assistance Program application, available on the Tollway website, to the preferred provider.
2. An assessment will be conducted to determine applicant's needs and review program guidelines.
3. A technical assistance plan will be developed to assist participants with business needs.

Applicants who do not meet program criteria will be referred to other resources.

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

The Tollway's Department of Diversity and Strategic Development is a driving force for increasing economic opportunities in the diverse communities it serves.

The Tollway remains focused on promoting, assisting, and ensuring diverse participation in all aspects of its operations, including contracting, consulting and the supply of goods and services through access, advancement and participation. The Technical Assistance Program promotes access to participation on Tollway contracts by providing business development and training opportunities.

Find more details about Diversity Programs at illinoistollway.com. Program questions can be submitted to diversity@getipass.com or call 630-241-6800 ext. 3227.