

# OHIO HOUSE DISTRICT 33 MINORITY/FEMALE BUSINESS DAY MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

(Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.)

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6705 Steger Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio

Don't miss this **FREE** business building event!

#### Minority Business Enterprise Program

The Minority Business Enterprise Program (MBE) provides assistance to minority businesses to help them secure state government contracts. Approximately 15% of contracting purchases made by state agencies, boards and commissions are exclusively available to MBE-certified businesses.

#### Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity Program

The Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity Program (EDGE) assists small businesses that are owned by historically disadvantaged individuals, including minorities and females, to secure State contract opportunities. The program establishes goals for state agencies, boards and commissions in awarding contracts to EDGE-eligible firms.

#### Ohio Development Services Agency's Minority Business Development Division

The Minority Business Development Division seeks to harness the potential of Ohio's small, minority and disadvantaged businesses by increasing their competitiveness, capacity, and sustainability. The Division does this by connecting businesses with capital, contract opportunities, and technical support and by holding agencies, boards, and commissions responsible for meeting the state's 15% Minority Business Enterprise set-aside goal.

#### Objectives

- Learn about the State of Ohio Minority Business Procurement Program
- Learn how to become a certified MBE
- Learn about current State of Ohio contract opportunities
- Learn what resources the State provides for certified MBEs
- Learn how to grow your MBE business
- Learn about the State of Ohio financing programs
- Learn about upcoming construction contracts

#### Workshops

- Identify
  - Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Procurement Services
- Recruit
  - Development Services Agency, Minority Business Development Division
- Certify
  - Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division



Meet with State Representative Alicia Reece and key personnel from state agencies.

Discussion will focus on the State of Ohio's two primary certification programs that help grow both minority and female led businesses.

The State of Ohio is committed to awarding 15 percent of its competitively selected contracts for goods and services to Ohio certified MBE companies.

Online registration closes  
June 13

To register today, go to  
[das.ohio.gov/HD33MinorityBusinessDay](http://das.ohio.gov/HD33MinorityBusinessDay)

Seating is limited; however, limited onsite registration also will be available.

If you have questions about this event, please contact: 614.466.1308

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