

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 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 (you determine how quickly you complete a program) or cohort-based. Cohort programs offer a group setting that invites a collaborative learning environment.



Services Provided

Access to capital	X	X	
Back-office support	X	X	
Bonding	X	X	
Business management and business operations	X	X	X
Certification	X	X	
eLearning course development	X		
Estimating	X		
Field management	X		X
Financial management		X	
Financing		X	
IDOT pre-qualification application assistance	X	X	
Microsoft Project		X	
Mock bids	X		
One-on-one coaching	X	X	X
One-on-one meetings with primes	X	X	
Office 365 Cloud and Office Dynamics Software			
PlanSwift			
Post-bid debriefing	X	X	X
Post-contract assistance	X	X	X
Pre-bid evaluation	X	X	
Prevailing wage and labor issues	X	X	
Project management		X	
QuickBooks for contractors	X	X	
Relationship building		X	X
Risk management		X	
Safety plans	X	X	
Scheduling			
Scope review			X
Strategic planning and partnership development		X	X
Website development	X		
Workshops	X	X	X
Level 1	X		X
Level 2		X	X

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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 contractor.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a completed Technical Assistance Program application 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.

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.

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