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Black Business Month Action: Join ByBlack

By US Black Chambers and ByBlack

Editor's note: August is National Black Business Month, founded in 2004 by Black entrepreneurs Frederick E. Jordan, an engineer, and John William Templeton, a publisher and historian, to highlight and support Black-owned businesses.

ByBlack is a platform designed to provide Black-owned businesses with a way to reach new customers and access business resources. The platform was created and developed by the United States Black Chambers (USBC) and is presented by American Express®. The platform offers a national Black-owned business directory and the only national certification currently available for Black-owned businesses.

On ByBlack, Black-owned businesses can find a variety of resources including:

1. Access to educational opportunities-

2. Grants and potential funding programsincluding access to information on when and

where these programs are available;

available via the USBC or American Express;

3. Local and national relationship buildingwhen business owners join the ByBlack community, they receive priority invitations to join USBC affiliated local chambers of commerce in their community; they also have access to networking opportunities with other fellow business owners and experts through annual events; 4. Corporate-sponsored matchmaking

opportunities—available via the USBC or American Express that can help connect buyers with suppliers.

ByBlack is part of both the USBC's and American Express's broader efforts to support Black-owned businesses. To learn more about these ways to support Black-owned businesses, visit https://usblackchambers.org/certification.

In June 2020, the USBC expanded the ByBlack platform, its national directory, to provide Black businesses with an avenue to register and promote their businesses. In September 2021, with the support of American Express, the USBC further expanded ByBlack to establish the first national certification exclusively for Black-owned businesses offered with no application fee. Black-owned businesses can now join the directory and/or get certified.



To join the Black-owned business directory, select "ONBOARD TO OUR DIRECTORY" on the main page at https://usblackchambers.org/ certification. Once you get into the platform, you can create a profile and submit your information,

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Bid Date: September 20, 2023 **Description of project:** Work includes the design and construction for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the Broadway Junction Station in Brooklyn, including elevator installation, escalator

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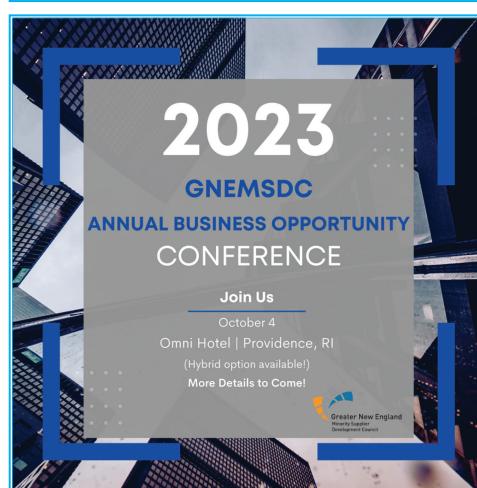
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8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 10:30 am-11:30 am Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration linois District Office. Contact illinois.do@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

providing an overview of the 8(a) Business Development program, eligibility requirements, and program benefits. Also learn how to increase your potential for federal contract opportunities

Join the Small Business Administration (SBA)

Illinois District Office for a virtual workshop

through System for Award Management (SAM) registration, including information that you need for the registration process. SBA presenters will offer addional tips, address FAQs, give directions on where to get further assistance, and answer your other questions. To register for this free webinar, visit https://www.eventbrite. com/e/8a-orientation-sam-registration-tickets-518989961947

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar Thursday, August 24, 2023, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086,

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration george.tapia@sba.gov Fee: Free; registration required Did you know that the federal government is the

Certifications, Finding Opportunities, Marketing Your Firm, Federal Supply Schedules, Getting Paid, Tips to Prepare Your Offer, How to Seek Additional Assistance. All training sessions are held via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Participants must ensure Microsoft Teams is functioning. SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar Thursday, September 7, 2023, 9:00 am-11:00 am Online Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miquel.moralez@sba.gov

government? Register on line at https://www. eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federalgovernment-tickets-21790713611 SBA helps to

ensure small businesses get fair opportunities to

share federal government prime contracts. Topics will include: How to Register, Small Business

Fee: Free; registration required Starting a new business? Looking for capital and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office

and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently

held online during the pandemic) is offered on the first Thursday of every month. To join this

free webinar, copy and paste the link below into your browser, then register for tickets for the date of your choice to receive the access code. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/secretary-ofstate-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-programs-tickets-262004180557



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