

ADECA Office of Minority Business Enterprise

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When contacting the OMBE regarding bidding opportunities on a LWCF/RTP project, please provide a detailed description of the type of contracting opportunities that you have available. The description should include any special licensing or bonding requirements and contact information for the design and/or administrative professional most knowledgeable about the project.

The primary objective of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) is to administer a certification program to identify small, minority-, and female-owned businesses capable of providing goods and services to the government and private sectors. Certification provides minority- and female-owned businesses with a stamp of approval that they have met the requirements necessary for minority-owned business status.

The OMBE encourages registration with the Department of Finance-Division of Purchasing and provides information and assistance to become a registered vendor to receive invitations to bid on state contracts for goods and services. In addition to providing information on seminars, workshops, and training opportunities, referrals are made to Small Business Development Center professionals who can help with government contracting, international trade and other services.

Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE)

ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES

Alabama Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE)

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/ombe> - provides minority (MBE) and women's (WBE) business enterprise certification to qualified applicants. Provides referrals to subject matter experts on various topics from business start-up to growing your existing business.

Alabama Small Business Administration (ASBA)

<https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/al/birmingham> - Offers a variety of business resources to help you start or grow a business in your area.

Alabama Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) <http://asbdc.org/> - enhance economic growth in Alabama by providing management and technical assistance to small businesses. Certified business counselors are available in 10 Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) located at our member university partners across the state.

ASBDC members include SBDCs at Alabama State University, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, Troy University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama in Huntsville, University of North Alabama, University of South Alabama, and University of West Alabama.

Alabama Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (APTAC) <http://al-ptac.org/> - provides government procurement and contracting assistance through a group of specialty counselors located at six locations in Alabama.

Alabama Office of Small Business Advocacy <http://www.madeinalabama.com/small-business-advocacy> - In Alabama, small business owners and budding entrepreneurs alike will find effective solutions for any company needs. Our Department of Commerce provides small businesses with the knowledge and resources to succeed, from financial assistance to regulatory issues.

AtlasAlabama.gov <https://atlasalabama.gov/> - is a free online resource for entrepreneurs and small business owners in Alabama. Start at AtlasAlabama.gov to discover available state and local resources as well as to learn business basics for starting or growing your business. AtlasAlabama.gov works in partnership with the Alabama Small Business Commission (ASBC) to facilitate and promote small business development in Alabama.