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act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

A black and white illustration of a large crowd gathered in a park for the first Labor Day holiday. The crowd is holding flags and banners, and a large building is visible in the background.

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A modern, white and green high-speed train (Shinkansen) is shown from a front-three-quarter perspective, traveling on tracks. The train has a sleek, aerodynamic design with a large black front panel and green accents. It is set against a clear blue sky and a blurred background, suggesting high speed. The train is positioned on a set of tracks with a platform visible on the right.




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FEDERAL CONTRACTING: WOMAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS (WOSB) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WEBINAR

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

SBA is creating a space for Woman-Owned Small Businesses, via WOSB certification! Are you a woman owner of a small business? The federal government's goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to woman-owned small businesses each year. Join us for training on how to register for SBA's Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program, which helps eligible small businesses to qualify for federal contracting opportunities. The monthly sessions include an overview of the self-certification process, and a discussion of the NAICS codes that qualify as WOSB or EDWOSB. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/woman-owned-small-business-wosb-certification-program-tickets-1123668515779>

8(a) ORIENTATION AND SAM REGISTRATION WEBINAR

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 10:30 am–12:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528, illinois.dfo@sba.gov
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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 through System for Award Management (SAM) registration, including information that you need for the registration process. SBA presenters will offer additional tips, address FAQs, give directions on where to get further assistance, and answer your other questions. For this and other events, one goal is to better address the needs of attending current and soon-to-be business owners. To register for this free webinar, visit <https://www.sba.gov/event/65214>

SELLING TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WEBINAR

Thursday, September 25, 2025, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
 Did you know that the federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world? Interested in learning how your business can market your services or goods to the federal government? Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federal-government-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 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.

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Work Begins on \$555 Million Kosciuszko Bridge Project

Construction of the new \$555 million Kosciuszko Bridge, which will replace the existing bridge over the Hudson River, is well under way. The new bridge, designed by Skidmore, OWing, Merrill and Partners, is a 2,100-foot-long, two-level, steel truss bridge. The bridge will be built by a joint venture of Skidmore, OWing, Merrill and Partners, and the New York State Thruway Authority. The bridge is expected to be completed in 2017.

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A collage of three images. The top left shows the Golden Gate Bridge spanning a body of water with hills in the background. The top right shows a close-up of the Manhattan Bridge's stone tower and suspension cables. The bottom image is a horizontal strip showing a bridge deck with colorful graffiti.



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