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National Hispanic Heritage Month 2026

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September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a thirty-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this thirty-day period.

The Law Library of Congress has compiled guides to commemorative observations, including a comprehensive inventory of the Public Laws, Presidential Proclamations, and congressional resolutions related to Hispanic Heritage Month.

The official National Hispanic Heritage Month website is a collaborative project of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and United States National Archives and Records Administration. Content includes information on exhibits and collections, various audio and video resources, ideas for teachers, a gallery of images, and a section about National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Other dedicated websites for National Hispanic Heritage Month include National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities (EDSITEment), National Park Service, and Smithsonian Education.

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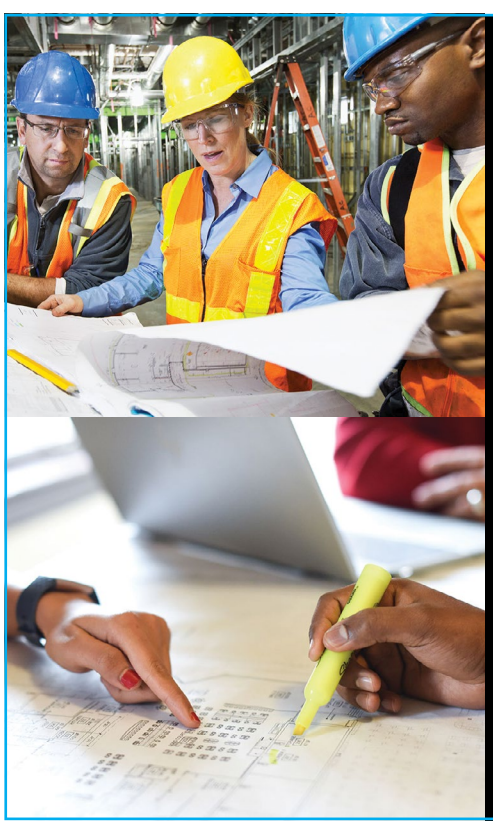

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VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

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Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar
Thursday, October 8, 2026, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm
Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Arkansas District Office
Contact: Suzanne Terrazas, 501-324-7379, Arkansas_DO@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
This webinar will provide valuable insights into the Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Federal Contracting Program certification process, which is crucial for accessing a pool of billions of dollars worth of federal contracting opportunities that are set aside specifically for woman-owned businesses. Your woman-owned small business can obtain federal contracts with less competition if you qualify. To learn how accessing these resources can significantly impact a business's growth and sustainability, and to meet with resource partners who can provide you with free one-to-one consulting, register at https://legacy.sba.gov/event/77955

Federal Contracting for Small Businesses Webinar
Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 12:00 pm–1:30 pm
Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Irene Gonzalez, 208-334-1673, irene.gonzalez@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
Learn the essentials of federal contracting for small businesses. This event will cover the basics of navigating the federal contracting process, as well as the various certifications available to help your small business succeed in the government marketplace. Certifications include: 8(a) Business Development Program, HUBZone Certification, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB/EDWOSB), and Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB). Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and resources to help your small business. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/federal-contracting-basics-and-certifications-for-small-businesses-tickets-1977729664666

Understanding SBA Programs Webinar
Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 11:00 am–12:00 pm
Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Houston District Office
Contact: Elizabeth Charles, 713-773-6505, elizabeth.charles@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
Join us for an informative webinar designed to help entrepreneurs, startups, and existing small business owners navigate the wide range of resources and programs offered by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), including an overview of SBA's core programs: capital, counseling, contracting, and disaster assistance. Whether you're looking to launch a business, expand operations, secure funding, or recover from a disaster, the SBA has tools to support your goals. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask their small business questions to mentors/advisors from SBA's Resource Partner Network! Register online for the free webinar at https://legacy.sba.gov/event/78035

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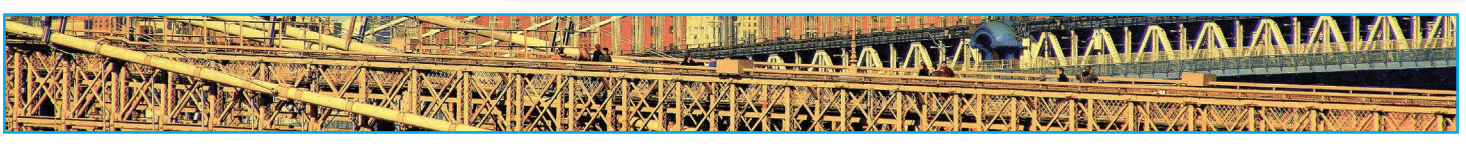

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