



SBDC Programs to Help Your Small Business

By Sarah Field

The government is full of acronyms, and sometimes it's difficult to know which ones are most applicable and relevant to your business. One acronym you definitely want to familiarize yourself with as a small business owner is "SBDC."

SBDC stands for Small Business Development Center. SBDCs provide a wide assortment of technical assistance and resources to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. The primary focus of SBDCs? To foster local and regional economic development through job creation and retention. How does it happen? Through SBDCs' support of business growth, sustainability, and the enhanced creation of new business entities.

So what exactly is available to your business? SBDCs offer no-cost, one-on-one, long-term professional business advising, low-cost training, and other specialized services. The SBDC program is one of our nation's largest small business assistance programs within the federal government, made up of a unique mix of SBA federal funds, state and

local governments, and private sector resources. SBDCs are often hosted by leading universities and state economic development agencies, and are funded in part through a partnership with the Small Business Administration.

SBDCs serve all populations and many types of business owners, including women, minorities, and veterans—including reservists, active duty, disabled personnel, and those returning from deployment. They also assist personnel with disabilities, youth and encore entrepreneurs, and individuals in low- and moderate-income urban and rural areas. Your local SBDC can connect you with professional business advisors who can help your business navigate:

- Business plan development
- Manufacturing
- Financial packaging and lending
- Importing and Exporting
- Disaster recovery
- Procurement and contracting
- Market research
- Healthcare information



The best part? SBDCs frequently modify their available services based on client needs, local business trends, and individual business requirements. The centers constantly work to adjust services offered to meet the evolving needs of the hundreds

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IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM MWBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS CERTIFIED WITH BUYER SERVICES AT THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS

Emergency Contract for 181st Street Washington Bridge over Harlem River
 NYCDOT Contract No: HBREP6919
 Bid Date: October 7, 2020

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Asphalt, Concrete, Demolition, Barrier, Field Office, CPM Scheduling, Civil General Contracting, Construction Engineering, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Office Trailer Fit Out, Structural Steel, Surveying, and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

Interested firms please contact john.papagiannakis@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION NORTHEAST, INC

IS PLANNING TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR THE

Emergency Contract for 181st Street Washington Bridge over Harlem River Project
 NYCDOT Contract No: HBREP6919
 Bid Date: October 7, 2020
 Quotes Due: Monday, October 5, 2020, by 5:00 pm
 MWBE Goal: 8% Combined (NYC Certification, Local Law 1 Applies)

The scope of the project is to restore the bridge to a state of good repair by performing structural steel repairs, concrete repairs, concrete barrier replacement, deck joint replacement, milling and paving or deck overlay, installation and removal of temporary shielding, and cleaning/painting of existing steel. The project will be completed in multiple stages of construction.

The NYCDOT HBREP6919 Emergency Contract for 181st Street Washington Bridge over Harlem River project has MWBE participation opportunities. Granite is seeking qualified New York City certified MWBEs to provide Subcontract/Service Opportunities for categories that potentially include, but are not necessarily limited to: Asphalt Paving, Asphalt Milling, Concrete Repairs, Painting, Protective Shielding, Tow Truck Service (Heavy), CPM Scheduling, Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MOT), Surveying Services, Engineering Services, QA/QC Inspection Services, Pavement Markings, Concrete Ready Mix, Road, Structural Steel Materials, Sliding Bearings, Expansion Joints, Waterproofing Membrane, Multirotational Bearings, Rebar Supply, Office Trailers, Sawcutting, Rebar Installation, Sanitary Facilities, Erosion/Sediment Control (Materials), Chain Link Fence, Security Services, Fuel Supply, Photography Services, Trucking, Health/Safety Service/Drug Testing, Janitorial Services.

Granite is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to providing contracting opportunities to eligible and qualified designated classification firms, including but not limited to: disadvantaged, small, minority and/or women owned businesses, and we strongly encourage all qualified firms of any designated classification status to bid on this project.

If you are interested in providing a quote for services on this project please contact Krystal Chang at krystal.chang@gcinc.com

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IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED M/WBE AND NEW YORK STATE SDVOB SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS FOR THE

Van Wyck Expressway Capacity and Access Improvement to JFK Airport Contract 2
 NYSDOT Contract No: D900050
 Bid Date: October 7, 2020

Description of project:
 The project consists of the replacement of one (1) Long Island Rail Road railway bridge, the rehabilitation and retrofit of two (2) additional Long Island Rail Road railway bridges, and the replacement of one (1) vehicular bridge over the Van Wyck Expressway (VWE). The main goals of the project are listed below.

1. Address structural deficiencies on the bridges on or crossing over the VWE within the project limits
2. Construction sequencing to maximize value of the life of the bridges / reduce future maintenance requirements
3. Accommodate for future VWE widening
4. Minimize impacts to the environment and effects on residential neighborhoods and businesses

Many bidding opportunities are available: asphalt paving, concrete base pavement, trucking, fill hauling and disposal, containers, landscaping, excavation, structural concrete, ready-mix concrete supply, concrete reinforcement, utilities, structural steel supply and erection, MPT, electrical, ITS, roadway lighting, signs and guardrail, sign structures, deep foundations (pile driving, micropiles, etc.), line striping, curb and sidewalks, sawcutting, sawcut grooving, bridge demolition, pavement demolition, support of excavation, concrete barrier, precast barrier, cast in place barrier, bridge bearings, bridge expansion joints, fence, concrete retaining walls, asphalt milling, trailers, cleaning, furniture, computer services, clearing, fill material supply, asbestos removal, concrete sealing, contaminated soil, environmental testing, vibration monitoring, settlement monitoring, survey, photography, rodent control, security, BIM modeling, painting, lead abatement, track materials, waterproofing, structural steel repairs, crack and spall repairs, community liaison, SPMTs (self propelled modular transporters).

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: Julia.Omanoff@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled

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IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED M/WBE AND SDVOB SUBCONTRACTORS/VENDORS FOR THE

Bay Park Conveyance Project
 NYSDEC and Nassau County Department of Public Works Contract
 Bid Date: September 28, 2020

Description of project:
 This innovative project will divert treated effluent from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) which currently discharges an average of fifty million gallons per day (50 MGD) of treated effluent into Reynolds Channel. This treated effluent will be conveyed via the construction of a 2-mile-long force main from the Bay Park facility to an existing aqueduct under the Sunrise Highway, whereby rehabilitation of a 7.3-mile stretch of the aqueduct, and construction of an approximately 1.6-mile-long force main will connect to the existing Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) outfall. The project will utilize the existing outfall to diffuse the treated effluent three miles offshore into the Atlantic Ocean. The project will include construction of a new pump station at Bay Park STP, modifications to the Cedar Creek WPCP, 15 microtunnel support shafts, and a series of access pits along Sunrise Highway.

Many bidding opportunities available: microtunnel, slip line, rebar, concrete redimix, concrete pumping, curb and sidewalks, paving, landscaping, parkwork, clear and grubbing, utilities, soil testing, concrete demolition, miscellaneous metals, CMU, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, mechanical, jet grout, piles, secants, painting, skylight, insulation, structural steel, roofing, doors, steel tank, geotech monitoring, vibration monitoring, trucking, containers, cleaning, trailers, security guard, dewatering, MPT, excavation, support of excavation, instrumentation and controls, testing and commissioning, fire protection, precast, castings, pipe, valves, ground improvement, and ladders.

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PPP and EIDL Webinar Wednesdays
 Wednesday, September 30, 2020, 9:00 am–10:00 am
 Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Brian DeClue, 802-828-4422, brian.declue@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA Vermont District Office hosts a free webinar from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on Wednesday to discuss the Paycheck Protection Program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Advance, and any pertinent updates. To join the webinar, visit <https://meet.lync.com/sba123/sbmazza/6F6N4YK6>. To join by phone, call 202-765-1264 and when prompted enter the code 470177937#. Upon joining the call, mute the phone to cut down on the background noise and please do not place the call on hold. For more information, email brian.declue@sba.gov or chris.herriman@sba.gov.

E-Commerce Basics (Marketing Toolbox) Webinar Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm
 Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center
 Contact: Lynett Shedd, 413-545-6301, lshedd@msbdc.umass.edu
 Fee: Free; registration required

Learn the basics of selling online using e-commerce. eBay, Etsy, Shopify, Amazon, and other platforms will be discussed. There are many topics covered

in separate webinars associated with the Marketing Toolbox. Please feel free to register for any or all that appeal to you. Once you register, you will be in our database and future registrations will be easy. Brought to you by Western Massachusetts Means Business and Stakeholders: Center for Women and Enterprise, Common Capital, Franklin County Community Development Corporation, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, SCORE of Western Mass, Valley Community Development Corporation, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Clark University, and Salem State University.

Marketing Your Business to the Federal Government Webinar
 Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 11:00 am–12:30 pm
 Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Lonnie Koyama, 772-466-3176, leon.koyama@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

This online class focuses on improving your probability of being "found" by federal contracting offices and large federal prime contractors. The discussion includes: which website is used by contracting entities to source contractors; which NAICS codes and how many should you use; what is a good Capability Statement; what is most important to a contracting officer and selecting official; how to improve your website. Lonnie Koyama is a Lead Economic Development Specialist for the US SBA's South Florida District Office. Lonnie is an accomplished business developer with extensive experience in both the private and public sectors. He has wide-ranging proficiency as a business owner, corporate multi-unit manager, general manager, and consultant.