



Illinois Department
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Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services

Learn and grow with Supportive Services

The Bureau of Small Business Enterprises offers free programs and resources to support DBEs' goals at all phases of growth:

- Perfect your DBE application
- Develop technical and management skills
- Navigate operational expenses
- Connect with established firms
- Discover best practices for successful work with IDOT

In order to use these services, IDOT must be your certifying DBE agency, or you must be bidding on / working on an IDOT project.



Resource Centers

Each of IDOT's nine districts offer essential equipment and resources to conduct business with the agency:

- Computer access
- Internet
- Scanner/copier/printer
- Staff assistance, including support for DBE applicants

These Resource Centers are free-of-charge to all firms seeking to do business with IDOT. Scan QR code or visit idot.illinois.gov for a list of locations in your district.



Technical and Management Assistance

Ongoing assistance helps DBEs maintain a competitive edge:

Estimating & Bidding

Project Site Inspection

Pre-Qualification

Equipment &
Resources

Marketing

Business & Strategic
Plans

Accounting &
Bookkeeping Systems

Bonding & Insurance

Credit Restoration

This assistance is complimentary to IDOT's DBE firms, or to firms certified in the IL UCP that are bidding on IDOT contracts.

Supportive Services Consultants

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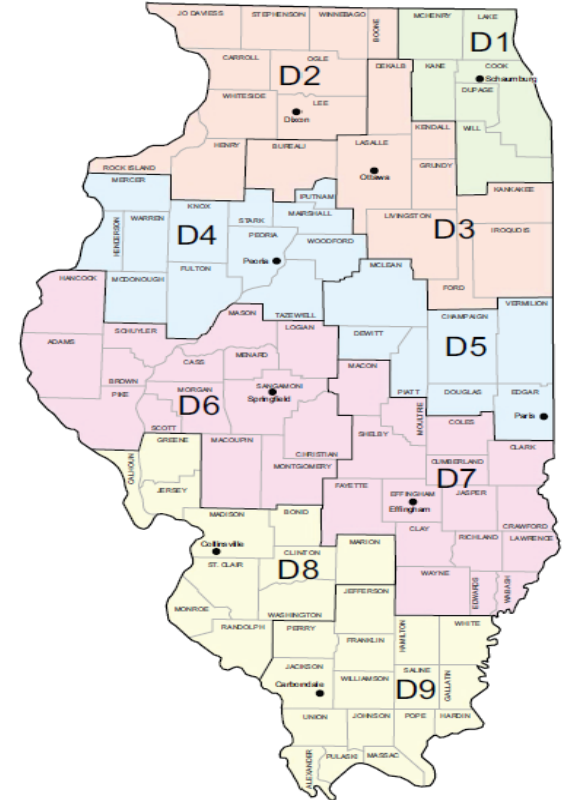
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Workshops and Events

The Bureau of Small Business Enterprises brings innovative events to the public with three goals in mind:

Share skills to become more competitive on IDOT projects

Help individuals and businesses work with IDOT and form strategic partnerships

Encourage sharing of best practices, policy and procedure changes



Each district hosts events year-round to help firms do their best work with IDOT.

bit.ly/dbeworkshops

Workshops & Webinars

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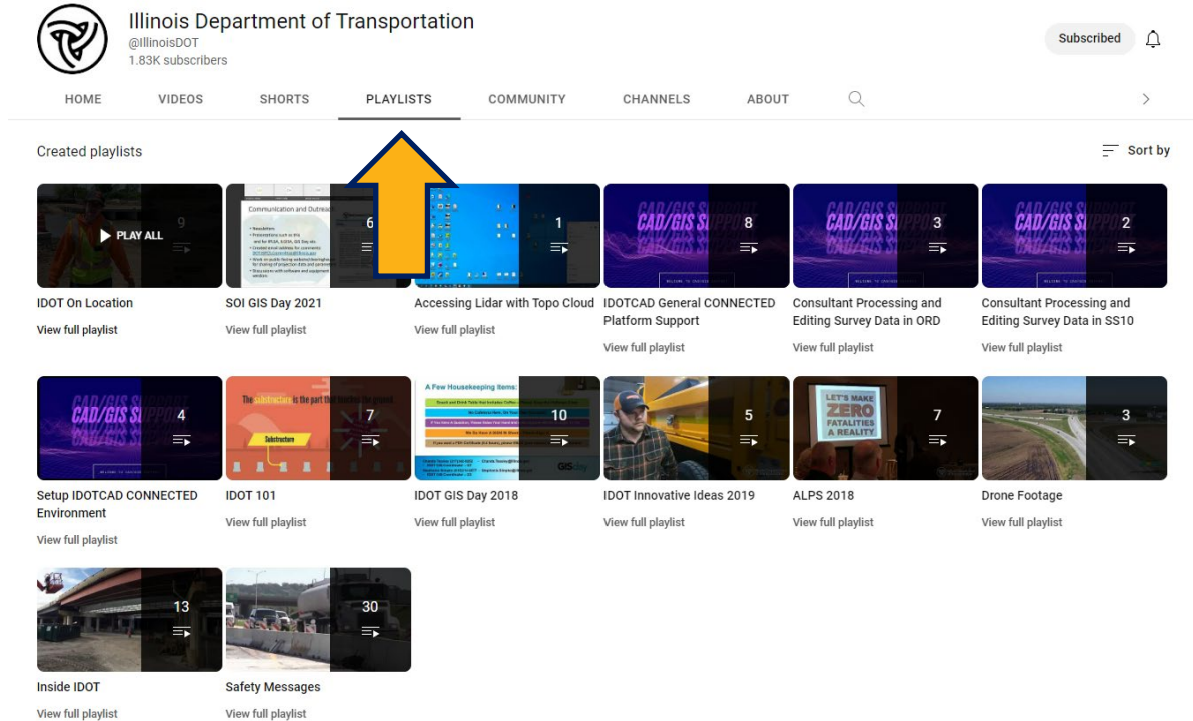
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- IDOT On Location (9 videos)
- SOI GIS Day 2021 (6 videos)
- Accessing Lidar with Topo Cloud (1 video)
- IDOTCAD General CONNECTED Platform Support (8 videos)
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- Consultant Processing and Editing Survey Data in SS10 (2 videos)
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- IDOT 101 (7 videos)
- IDOT GIS Day 2018 (10 videos)
- IDOT Innovative Ideas 2019 (5 videos)
- ALPS 2018 (7 videos)
- Drone Footage (3 videos)
- Inside IDOT (13 videos)
- Safety Messages (30 videos)

Workshops & Webinars

IDOT Supportive Service
Consultant YouTube Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFnMWOCoXoiF_vxU_jES6j4Q2Aibc2o9c



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“Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” (TCTR)

IDOT’s annual “Today’s Challenge, Tomorrow’s Reward” (TCTR) conference provides opportunities for networking, skill-building, and knowledge sharing among our vendor network.

All firms doing business with the department, including primes and subcontractors, consultants, suppliers, and our various partners are welcome.



Our Next TCTR:

February 26-27, 2025
Springfield, IL

Call (217) 782-5490
with questions.





Available Programs

DBE Reimbursement Program

IDOT offers 50% reimbursement to qualifying firms in select categories while funds are available:



Association/organization membership costs



Training or certification class



Website, capability statement, logo

And more!



Contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises to discuss criteria for these limited-time funds.

Business Development Program

Qualifying DBEs can receive firm-specific guidance to propel their growth in the transportation industry:

- Full business evaluation and analysis
 - Tailored training that may be eligible for reimbursement
 - Personalized recommendations to maintain competitiveness
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How to Apply:

- Enrollment opens once per year
- 15 firms accepted annually
- Applications for 2025 open soon

Visit [idot.illinois.gov](https://www.idot.illinois.gov) for details

For Additional Information

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