

Opening Doors - Lunch and Learn Series

Federally Recognized Certifications

<p>Kick-Off</p> <p>July 20</p> <p>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has outlined several specific certifications that provide qualified businesses with benefits within the federal procurement process. These certifications are divided into two categories: SBA-Certified and Self-Certified. Which category fits your business?</p> <p>Bring your lunch and join us on July 20, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 pm, at the NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room 309, as we provide an overview of the various federally recognized certifications.</p>	
<p>Session 1</p> <p>August 3</p> <p>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>The 8(a) Business Development Program is a nine-year program which assists eligible socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to develop and grow their business. Business development assistance includes one-on-one counseling, training, workshops and other management and technical guidance.</p> <p>Bring your lunch and join us on August 3, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 pm, at the NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room 309, to see if certification is a good fit for your business.</p>	
<p>Session 2</p> <p>August 17</p> <p>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>The HUBZone program helps small businesses located in economically distressed urban and rural communities, to gain access to federal set-aside contracts and sole-source contracts, as well as price evaluation preference in full and open contract competitions. To see if your business is located in a HUBZone visit: www.sba.gov/HUBzone.</p> <p>Bring your lunch and join us on August 17, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 pm, at the NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room 309, to see if your business qualifies for this certification.</p>	

<p>Session 3</p> <p>August 31</p> <p>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>The Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) federal contract program authorizes contracting officers to set-aside certain federal contracts for eligible women-owned small businesses and economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses. The SBA has authorized the use of 113 new NAICS Industry groups for WOSB and EDWOSB set asides.</p> <p>Bring your lunch and join us on August 31, 2016 from 12:00-1:00 pm, at the NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd Floor, Conference Room 309, to see if your business qualifies for this program.</p>	<p>certify.SBA.gov</p>
<p>Session 4</p> <p>Sept 14</p> <p>12:00 PM to 1:00 PM</p>	<p>The SBA is committed to ensuring the federal government remains dedicated to and provides support for our veterans. The Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) program authorizes federal contracting officers to award set-aside or sole-source contracts when certain criteria is met.</p> <p>Disadvantaged and Minority Owned Small Businesses now "self-certify," without sending an application to the SBA.</p> <p>Bring your lunch and join us on September 14, 2016 from 12:00- 1:00 pm, at the NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room 309, to see if your business qualifies for either of these programs.</p>	<p>USA VETERAN  OWNED BUSINESS</p> <p></p>

These sessions are provided free of charge. However, **registration is required because seating is limited.** Please register at: <https://ewaddell.wufoo.com/forms/opening-doors-lunch-and-learn-series/>

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