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## Upcoming Events



### Paycheck Protection Program Now Extended to May 31!

The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#), in consultation with the Treasury Department, announced today that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will re-open the week of January 11 for new borrowers and certain existing PPP borrowers. To promote access to capital, initially only community financial institutions will be able to make First Draw PPP Loans on Monday, January 11, and Second Draw PPP Loans on Wednesday, January 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter. Updated PPP guidance outlining Program changes to enhance its effectiveness and accessibility was released on January 6 in accordance with the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act.

**LEDC's PPP application portal is now live! You can access it here:**  
<https://www.ledcmetro.org/sbapp>

To view participating lenders, click [here](#)

The new guidance released includes:

- [PPP Guidance from SBA Administrator Carranza on Accessing Capital for Minority, Underserved, Veteran, and Women-owned Business Concerns;](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Paycheck Protection Program as Amended by Economic Aid Act;](#) and
- [Interim Final Rule on Second Draw PPP Loans.](#)

For more information on SBA's assistance to small businesses, visit [sba.gov/ppp](https://sba.gov/ppp) or [treasury.gov/cares](https://treasury.gov/cares).

## BGE Energizing Small Business Grants Program

On January 20, BGE will launch its Energizing Small Business Grants Program as part of its \$15 million pledge to assist small businesses with COVID-19 relief and recovery. This is a component of BGE's comprehensive Customer Relief and Energy Infrastructure Investment Plan, designed to help the state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the [BGE Energizing Small Business Grants Program](#), eligible businesses located in BGE's service area will have three opportunities to apply for grants of up to \$20,000:

- Round 1: January 20 - March 3, 2021
- Round 2: May 5 - June 16, 2021
- Round 3: September 1 - October 13, 2021

To be eligible, a business must have between two and 25 employees, less than \$7 million in annual revenue, a demonstrated need for support, a strong plan for moving forward, and be in good standing with the state of Maryland.

For more information contact Allyson Black, Manager, State Affairs and Economic Development, BGE [Allyson.Black@bge.com](mailto:Allyson.Black@bge.com) 410.269.5286

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### **2021 Baltimore City Department of Public Works Small Business Development Growth By Design Training Program – Register Today! Open Enrollment through August 23, 2021!**

This 11-week training program has been developed to assist local, small and minority or woman-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBEs) become contract-ready to support Baltimore City on more than \$3 billion in utility construction work. Companies specializing in design and construction related fields including: concrete construction, construction program and project management, excavation, landscaping, pipeline installation, post-construction clean-up, scheduling, sediment and erosion control, sewer construction and inspection, site work, traffic control, and underground utilities should register.

To view flier, click [here](#)

For more information, call 410-618-0100; email: Email: [sbd@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:sbd@baltimorecity.gov) or visit: [publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/smallbusinessdevelopment](http://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/smallbusinessdevelopment).

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**MBE/DBE/ACDBE/SBE Application Assistance Webinar hosted by Maryland  
Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of  
Small and Minority Business Policy  
Tuesday, June 1, 2021  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

MDOT's Office of Small, Minority and Business Policy conducts this free monthly webinar for firms interested in applying for certification as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) and/or Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Learn the benefits of certification, the application process, eligibility standards, as well as business development and marketing tips.

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

If you have any questions, please email [mdotmbeoutreach@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:mdotmbeoutreach@mdot.maryland.gov).

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Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of  
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Tuesday, June 1, 2021  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**Entrepreneurship Matters: Zoom Webinar hosted by Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins Health System, HopkinsLocal, and Mayor's Office of Small, Minority and Women Business**  
**Thursday, June 3, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Please join us as up and coming and established entrepreneurs share their stories.

Moderator:

Alicia Wilson, Vice President - Office of Economic Development for the Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System

Entrepreneurs:

Vernon Woodland, NuVegan Cafe  
Jumoke Jackson, Everything Legendary

To view flier, click [here](#)

Zoom Webinar: <https://jh.zoom.us/join>

Zoom Webinar ID: 933 9455 1261

Streaming Live on Facebook at JHConnects

You may find full webinar series on the following websites:

Johns Hopkins COVID Community Support site

<https://covidinfo.jhu.edu/community-support/entrepreneurship-matters/>

Johns Hopkins Connects YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7eZX3WWq6LWstyDu07Jb4A>

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**Technology in Manufacturing Virtual Conference hosted by Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Technology in Manufacturing Conference is a virtual event focusing on innovative technologies that are positively impacting the manufacturing industry. Specific technologies to be highlighted through insightful conversations with local and national thought leaders include: **5G, Quantum Computing, Digital Twins and Virtual Reality Training.**

Click here to [register](#)

**RMI Members:** No cost **Non-RMI Members:** \$45 by May 15; \$60 thereafter

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more questions,  
Email [stacey@RMlofmaryland.com](mailto:stacey@RMlofmaryland.com).

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**Whiting-Turner's Contracting Company's Get Down to Business  
Call in Event  
Thursday, June 10, 2021  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Whiting Turner invites your organization and your members to join them by phone to take a “look” at what they will be bidding in the near future. Whiting Turner will have several members of each of their project and bid teams, staffing the phones. They will be ready to meet you, and to talk with you about what work Whiting Turner will be putting out to bid in the next several months. And as always, this event is exclusively for our diverse subs and vendors.

**General Details:**

1. **Whiting Turner will not have an “in person” event at their offices.** Instead they will have a dedicated time period from 8:00am until 12:00pm, on Thursday, June 10th, for you to call in to talk with a WT contact. It is an opportunity for a brief personal dialogue, without a lot of phone tag. We ask that you keep your calls brief. You will be limited to a 5-minute conversation. Additional conversations can be scheduled.
2. Whiting Turner will compile a project list with backup project information sheets.
3. Whiting Turner will provide you multiple WT contacts on the project list, no different than having multiple contacts at our tables. Enough capacity to personally discuss the projects and develop relationships.
4. Whiting Turner will send you the project lists and backup sheets on Tuesday morning, June 8th, one day prior to the call in date. Please do NOT call until June 10th.

Whiting Turner encourages you to review the information before you call in, so as to focus your conversation on specific projects and the information you need. **The project list with contact information will be available to participants on Tuesday, June 8th.**

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**7th Annual Contract Ready Government Procurement Conference with  
Matchmaking and Vendor Fair  
Thursday, June 17, 2021  
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
La Fontaine Bleu, 7514 Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, MD 21061**

Contract Ready events are focused on procurement opportunities with state and federal agencies, including all five branches of the military as well as Fortune 500 companies. Meet with a mix of buyers, contracting officers, program managers, procurement specialists, and other critical decision makers. Attend general meal sessions with keynote addresses and panel discussions including a full day of lectures and workshops, match-making sessions and networking with the GovCon community.

To view list of exhibitors, click [here](#)

To register, click [here](#)

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### **Workshops**

To view a list of the upcoming workshops and events hosted by the Small Business Resource Center, click [here](#)