



## ODOT to Co-host Small Business Conference on August 12

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Are you a local business owner or do you know a local business owner that may be interested in contracting to help build transportation infrastructure? The Oklahoma Department of Transportation's Civil Rights Division is hosting a free "Getting to know ODOT" conference in partnership with the Small Business Administration's "Doing Business with the Government" conference August 12, 2014.

The ODOT Disadvantage Business Enterprise program assists minority-owned and women-owned businesses to become competitive in the highway construction industry. The goal of the conference is to introduce Disadvantage Business Enterprise eligible companies to the procedures for doing business with ODOT as well as give them an overview of ODOT's Disadvantage Business Enterprises program. The Small Business Administration and the Oklahoma Bids Assistance Network will also discuss procedures on how to solicit for contracted services with the federal government.

The joint conference will take place at the following time and location:

8 a.m. to noon

August 12, 2014

Francis Tuttle Technology Institute,

Corporate Training Building, Room D1810B

12777 North Rockwell Ave., Oklahoma City, OK

Companies that provide highway construction services such as paving, erosion control and professional services like engineering, right of way acquisition and urban planning are encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending can register at [www.okladot.state.ok.us/dbefinfo/events.php](http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/dbefinfo/events.php) or call La Mont Carter at (405) 521-6411.

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