

## State Contracting Opportunities and Assistance

TDOT's Civil Rights Office (CRO) Small Business Development Program (SBDP), while primarily charged with the responsibility of administering the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, is also committed to providing opportunities for non-DBEs and other small businesses wanting to do business with TDOT and other state agencies. While many small businesses may not have the resources to bid on contracts as a prime contractor, they may often overlook the smaller procurement and supplying contracts available with the state of Tennessee. As a result, the SBDP created this page to provide a centralized location for information concerning state bidder registration and contracting opportunities, as well as to find agencies that provide certification and specialized assistance to small businesses. The SBDP hopes this information will increase small business participation across the state, and will ease any barriers and concerns small businesses may have associated with dealing with state government bidding and contracting.

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### Bid and Procurement Opportunities

[TDOT Letting Page](#) - Detailed resource for bidders interested in upcoming TDOT road construction projects, including information on specific contract specifications and plans, quantities and bidding instructions. You can also find award information and records concerning past lettings dating back to 1987.

[TDOT Consultant Advertisements](#) - Current advertisements requesting letters of interest for consulting services with TDOT.

[Current Procurement Opportunities](#) - Statewide procurement opportunities from the Governor's Office of Diversity Business (GoDBE).

[General Services Purchasing Division](#) – Find information concerning purchasing procedures and statutes which govern procurement for the state of TN.

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### Registering to work with the state of TN

[Edison Suppliers and Vendor Overview](#) – This provides an overview of Edison, the State of Tennessee's web-based solution to streamline state procurement functions including contracts, solicitations, bid responses, awards and payments. *Anyone wanting to contract with the State of TN must be registered through Edison.*

[Register as an Edison e-Supplier](#) - Edison registration links, bidder and eSupplier registrations tutorials, training videos, and bid opportunities are provided on this page

[Prequalification](#) - all contractors and subcontractors wanting to work on state *construction contracts* must be prequalified through TDOT. TDOT's Prequalification form and other construction-related forms are available at this link.

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## Assistance for Small Businesses

[GoDBE](#) - (**for small business certification**) The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (GoDBE) is the central point of contact to attract and assist minority owned, women owned, service-disabled veteran owned and small business enterprises. The goal of this office is to increase the number of certified minority, women owned, small business and service-disabled veteran owned businesses desiring to compete successfully in state procurement activity.

[BERO](#) - Procurement assistance and development opportunities are available to small and minority- and women-owned businesses through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's (ECD) Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO).

[Tennessee Small Business Development Centers](#) The TSBDC is a network of professional business consultants who are experts in assisting small businesses with expansion and growth, from starting a small business to expanding existing efforts.

[SBA](#) - The U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses since 1953.

[SCORE](#) - SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow, and succeed nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and has been mentoring small business owners for more than forty years.

[Office of Small Business Advocate, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury](#) - The small business advocate will provide information and answer questions for owners of businesses with 50 or fewer employees. The small business advocate may also act as a mediator to help resolve issues involving small businesses and state departments and agencies.