



Oct 14, 2011

Subject: MBE/EDGE

Northeast Ohio Regional

Minority Business Assistance Center

MBE/EDGE CERTIFICATION TRAINING

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE)

The State of Ohio's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program is designed to assist minority businesses in obtaining state government contracts through a set aside procurement program for goods and services. The need to encourage, nurture and support growth of minority businesses to foster their development and increase the number of qualified competitors in the marketplace is recognized by the state. MBE establishes a 15 percent goal for state agencies, boards and commissions in awarding contracts to certified MBE businesses. This program applies only to procurement of goods and services. MBE certified participants are eligible for: contract assistance, financial and bonding assistance, and management and technical assistance.

Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE)

EDGE is designed to facilitate access to state government contracts and business services for EDGE certified businesses. The program establishes goals for state agencies in awarding contracts to certified EDGE businesses. EDGE procurement contracts apply to: goods and services, professional services, information technology services, construction, architecture, and engineering. Certified EDGE businesses are encouraged to participate in the mentor-protégé portion of the EDGE program administered through the Ohio Department of Development. The mentor-protégé program brings business leaders into working relationships with certified EDGE participants in a way that commercially benefits both. Protégé will gain valuable business insight and knowledge through a structured and supportive environment that will including appropriate training and resource access.

Where: Urban League of Greater Cleveland
2930 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

WHEN: October 25, 2011

TIME: 10:00 AM UNTIL 12:30 PM

COST: \$15.00

CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY (NO CASH)

Call Gwen Solomon at 216-622-0999 ext. 232 to confirm. Limited to 14 participants.