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## State hosting *Resources to Grow Your Minority-Owned Business* Sept. 24 at King Arts Complex

**What:** *Resources to Grow Your Minority-Owned Business*, a regional outreach event for small and minority-owned businesses

The State of Ohio spent more money with minority-owned businesses in the past year than ever before, and state leaders hope to see that trend continue. State officials are hosting information sessions and matchmaking opportunities to help promote the state's Minority Business Enterprise program. Businesses will have the opportunity to learn how to do business with the state, a multi-million dollar client.

**Who:** Prospective and current Minority Business Enterprise certified businesses  
State agency procurement officials  
State officials representing minority business programs

**Agenda:** Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 8 a.m. – Registration
- 9 a.m. – Welcome
  - Robert Blair, Director, Ohio Department of Administrative Services
  - Jacqueline T. Williams, Chief, Minority Business Development Division, Ohio Development Services Agency
  - Recognition of state agencies that met or exceeded the 15 percent goal for purchases from Minority Business Enterprise certified businesses
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Expo open
  - Minority business owners meet one-on-one with procurement professionals from state agencies to discuss upcoming contracting opportunities.
  - Workshops
    - Available Financing Programs (10:30 to 10:45 a.m.)
    - How to Use MBE Spending Plans and Work with Agency Contacts (10:45 to 11 a.m.)
    - How to Respond to a State Bid Request (12:15 to 1 p.m.)

- On-site computer lab will be available for attendees wishing to begin completing applications for MBE and/or EDGE (Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity) certification, recertification and cross certification. Participants will be able to register with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Procurement Services' eBid System.

**Where:** King Arts Complex  
867 Mt. Vernon Ave., Columbus, 43203

**Details:** Admission is free. Free parking is available behind the King Arts Complex and across the street at the Columbus Urban League.

Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. To register or learn more about this event or the state's MBE and EDGE programs, visit the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' website at [das.ohio.gov/MBERSVP](https://das.ohio.gov/MBERSVP) or call 614-466-8380. For information about the Minority Business Assistance Centers operated by the Ohio Development Services Agency, visit [minority.ohio.gov](https://minority.ohio.gov) or call 614-466-5700.