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Southeast Ohio business owners invited to network with government, construction industry purchasing officials

Athens event targets current, prospective EDGE firms

ATHENS – To support continued efforts to expand access to state contracts for women-owned, minority-owned, and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses, the State of Ohio is hosting “EDGE Business Connection: Resources to Grow Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and other Small Businesses.” This networking event will be held Tuesday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Innovation Center at Ohio University.

The Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) program helps facilitate access to state government contracts and business services for socially and economically disadvantaged businesses.

In addition to networking with state procurement officials, attendees can network with diversity procurement representatives from select construction firms. The event will include workshops and an on-site computer lab. In the computer lab, assistance will be available to help business owners begin the application for EDGE certification and register with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services’ Office of Procurement Services’ eBid System.

The workshops will cover forming joint ventures, accessing capital and free business resources, accessing sub-contracting opportunities, using agency expenditure projection plans and doing business with state agencies.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Innovation Center is located at 340 W. State St., Athens, Ohio, 45701.

To register or learn more about this event or the EDGE program, visit the Ohio Department of Administrative Services website at das.ohio.gov/edgersvp or call 614-466-8380. Walk-in registration also will be available.

For information about the Minority Business Assistance Centers operated by the Ohio Development Services Agency, visit minority.ohio.gov or call 614-466-5700.