



Are You the Next DBE Nominee for the Small Business Award?

KENTUCKY - The U.S. Small Business Administration's Kentucky District Office is accepting nominations for its 2017 National Small Business Week Awards, including the prestigious Small Business Person of the Year award. The 2016 Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year was David Dafoe, Founder and CEO of Flavorman and Distilled Spirits Epicenter, both located in Louisville, KY. Mr. Dafoe was one of the "final four" for the SBA Small Business Person of the Year last May in Washington, DC.

In addition to Small Business Person of the Year, SBA is seeking nominations for Small Business Exporter of the Year, 8(a) Graduate of the Year as well as award categories in contracting, disaster recovery, SBA resource partners and more. National award winners will be announced during Small Business Week, which is April 30 – May 6, 2017. The SBA Kentucky District Office is also seeking 2017 Small Business of the Year nominations for the following categories: Home Based, Minority Owned, Veteran Owned, Woman Owned and Young Entrepreneur of the Year, as well as Advocate of the Year in Financial Services, Small Business and Media.

Ralph Ross, SBA Kentucky District Office Director, stated, "I am amazed each year with Kentucky's small business award winners. It's a testament to the perseverance, intelligence and business acumen small business owners and advocates possess." The Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year, Small Business Exporter of the Year and 8(a) Graduate of the Year will compete nationally and be recognized during National Small Business Week in Washington, DC.

All award details, including eligibility, information requirements and evaluation criteria, as well as nomination procedures, can be found at on the SBA Kentucky District

Office website, <https://www.sba.gov/ky> or at <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/awards> for national awards only. Small business owners or advocates can self-nominate.

The deadline to receive nomination packages is no later than **3:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, January 10, 2017**. All Kentucky nominations should be mailed or hand delivered to:

Excerpt: www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-newsroom/press-releases-media-advisories/sba-seeks-nominations-2017-kentucky-small-business-awards



About The KYTC

The goal of the KYTC DBE Program is to ensure a "level playing field" on which DBEs can compete fairly for US DOT-assisted contracts, improve the flexibility and efficiency of the DBE program and reduce burdens on small businesses.

KYTC provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of Kentucky DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expanding business knowledge
- Increasing project quality
- Enhancing abilities

Creating marketability of Kentucky DBEs

About The DBE Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

The Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project

The purpose of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project is to increase cross-river mobility by improving safety, alleviating traffic congestion and connecting highways. The project will stimulate the economy of the entire Louisville-Southern Indiana region. According to the Federal Highway Administration's Record of Decision, to meet these needs two crossings are necessary – one in the downtown area and one eight miles upstream in the metro area's growing East End.

The East End Crossing project, currently under construction by WVB East End Partners, will connect the east end of Louisville, near Prospect, to southern Indiana, near Utica. The Kentucky approach to the new bridge will extend I-265 (the Gene Snyder Freeway, also known as KY 841) from its current termination at U.S. 42 to the bridge, adding a new, four-lane (two northbound, two southbound) 1.4-mile section. The Indiana approach also will be a four-lane section, and will extend SR 265 (the Lee Hamilton Highway) four miles – from its current termination at SR 62 to the bridge.

The East End Crossing will provide several very specific benefits to the Louisville and Southern Indiana area, including convenient access for area residents commuting between eastern Jefferson County and southern Indiana. And for travelers passing through the Louisville area from the north or south, the East End Crossing is an alternate (and very accessible) route that bypasses the urban traffic of downtown Louisville.

The new section of the Gene Snyder in Kentucky includes:

A tunnel extending 1,700 feet under U.S. 42 and the historic Drumanard Estate. A redesigned partial interchange at U.S. 42 that retains the current access allowing northbound Gene Snyder traffic to exit onto U.S. 42.

A new traffic signal at the end of the ramp from northbound Gene Snyder at U.S. 42, synchronized with the signal at the adjacent intersection of U.S. 42 and Wolf Pen Branch Road. A multi-use pathway near the Ohio River.

The new section of SR 265 in Indiana includes:

The addition of a new, full interchange at Old Salem Road. Reconstruction of the SR 265/SR 62 interchange. Updates to Utica-Sellersburg Road near the new section of SR 265.

Initial construction activity began in spring 2013, following the Indiana Finance Authority's selection of WVB East End Partners to design, finance, build, operate and maintain the East End Crossing. The project is being overseen by the Indiana Department of Transportation, and will be substantially completed and open to traffic in late 2016.



Excerpt: www://eastendcrossing.com/project-overview/

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website
- Plan Reading



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

CEI DBE Supportive Services

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