

BONDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



When a qualified Small and Emerging Business requires quality bid, performance and payment bonds from surety companies at reasonable rates, the Bonding Assistance Program can help. By providing companies with the ability to bid on private and public jobs, entrepreneurs are finding new opportunities to compete for projects that can lead to financial security and potential growth. The Bonding Assistance Program aids certified Small and Emerging businesses in reaching the bonding capacity required for specific projects.

BOND UNDERWRITING

Bond underwriting is accomplished by the surety company, and the surety company has final bonding approval authority. Key underwriting considerations include:

- Previous scope of work completed relative to the type being considered
- Cash on hand relative to the cash requirements of the project being bid
- Credit history

When bonding assistance is approved by the surety company, the Bonding Assistance Program provides collateral to the surety company of up to 25 percent of the base contract amount, or \$200,000, whichever is less. When it comes to bonding rates, pricing is competitive with current market rates, making bonding more accessible to small businesses in Louisiana.

LET'S GET YOUR BUSINESS MOVING FORWARD

If you are a small business that needs bonding capacity to bid on private and public jobs, you can benefit from the Bonding Assistance Program by gaining certification in the Small and Emerging Business Development Program. For more information on the Bonding Assistance Program, visit OpportunityLouisiana.com or call LED at 225.342.5663.