



MBAC Request for Proposals (RFP) Timeline

February 25, 2015

Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) Request for Proposals (RFP) Timeline

The Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) releases this Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline for the purpose of obtaining economic and/or community development-focused, non-profit organizations to provide consulting, training, business development, strategic management, and technical assistance to Ohio’s minority, socially and economically disadvantaged business community. Development’s Minority Business Development Division reserves the right to adjust the RFP Calendar of Event dates as needed as it is deemed appropriate. The request for proposal announces the anticipated availability of funding for the Minority Business Assistance Center program and solicits applications for operators of Minority Business Assistance Centers in the locations specified. Funding will be awarded for a period of 24 months beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

| RFP Timeline | Action |
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| February 20, 2015 | Development releases RFP to potential applicants |
| March 6, 2015 | Pre-Bid Conference at the Riffe Tower located at 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Conference will begin at 11:00 am on the 31 st Floor East B conference room |
| March 9, 2015 | Development closes applicant question and answer period at 5 p.m. |
| March 16, 2015 | Development posts answers to applicant questions |
| April 17, 2015 | Deadline for proposal submission at 5 p.m. |
| April 27 - 30 | Scheduled interviews for proposed MBAC Host and staff |
| May 4, 2015 | Development issues Minority Business Assistance Center awards and denial notification letters |
| July 1, 2015 | Minority Business Assistance Centers open for business |
| June 30, 2017 | Project completion |