

CONGRESSMAN BOBBY L. RUSH

Proudly presents his

Black Contractors' Business Summit Chicago State University

9501 South Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Chicago
(Emil and Patricia A. Jones Convocation Center)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012 (5:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (Registration form attached)

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Ray LaHood

U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Joined by

**Mr. Larry Huggins, Chairman METRA, Mr. Terry Peterson, Chairman, CTA
Rev. Tyrone Crider, Board Member, RTA**

This program is for construction contractors, engineering, architectural companies and construction related professional service providers. We are targeting companies that work on roads and bridges including civil engineering, installation, and finishing.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012 (8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (Registration form attached)

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Toni Preckwinkle

President, Cook County Board

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The Bidding Process ... Everything You Need to Know to Win!

Meet with representatives from CTA, METRA, City of Chicago and Cook County, Department of Aviation

The Certification Process ... Who Needs it and Why?

Meet with representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Illinois Department of Transportation, City of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services

Surety Bonding and Financing ... How to Qualify

Meet with representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Surety & Fidelity Association of America, Minority Business Development Agency

Professional Services Contract Opportunities... Meet with representatives from Illinois and U.S. Departments of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration & Federal Transit Authority

To RSVP, please send your Registration Form to:

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Black Contractors' Business Summit (Registration Form)
Friday-Saturday, August 24-25, 2012

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Work Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Website: _____

Type of Certification:

MBE **WBE** **DBE** **VBE** **8a** **Other:** _____

Describe your business:

Please **the date you are attending:** **8/24/2012** **8/25/2012** **Both Days**

Descriptions of the Breakout Sessions

The Summit will feature the following breakout sessions:

- **The Bidding Process-Everything You Need to Know to Win!**

This session will enhance your understanding of the government contracting and bidding process. Topics to be covered include: Regulatory Requirements, RFP and Sealed Bid Process, Evaluation Process and Performance. This session will be facilitated by METRA, CTA, City of Chicago, Cook County and Department of Aviation.

- **The Certification Process-Who Needs it and Why?**

This session will enhance your understanding of the DBE, M/WBE and SBA 8(a) certification. The presenters will explain the difference between each certification and how being certified can assist in your efforts to participate in government contracts. This session will be facilitated by Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT); City of Chicago; Chicago Transit Authority (CTA); and Department of Central Management Services (CMS).

- **Surety Bonding and Financing-How to Quality?**

This session will provide detailed information on the services and/or resources that help minority and female businesses identify and connect with capital resources. Information provided in this session will help vendors prepare and submit required documents when applying for financial assistance for their businesses. Attending this session will provide you an opportunity to ask the experts how to Access Capital and find solutions for all your financing needs. This session will be facilitated by U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); Surety & Fidelity Association of America; and Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

- **Professional Services Contract Opportunities**

At this session you will learn about the process of securing professional service contracting opportunities and the role of such contracting services in the Construction industry. This session will be facilitated by Illinois and U.S. Department of Transportation; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Authority; and Illinois Highway Toll Authority.

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