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**MESSAGE FROM  
TBR PROCUREMENT, CONTRACTS  
& PAYMENT SERVICES**

The Tennessee Board of Regents' Procurement, Contracts and Payment Services (PCPS) Department, under the direction of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Procurement, Contracts and Payment Services, has the responsibility of managing procurements, contracts, PCPS reporting, travel and vendor management services within the laws of the State of Tennessee, federal regulations, and the policies and guidelines of the Tennessee Board of Regents. The PCPS Department processes transactions for the System Office as well as the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) in addition to managing system-wide procurements and contracts, ensuring that the best value as to quantity and quality are obtained for funds expended.

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***SMALL & DIVERSE VENDOR RESOURCES***



The amount of information required from business owners can be overwhelming, particularly if you're just starting out. The sites below can assist you with business planning, education and research.

- The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise
- The Small Business Administration's [Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](https://www.sba.gov)
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council [WBENC Women's Business Enterprise National Council - WBENC.org : WBENC](https://www.wbenc.org)
- Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) [Home page](https://www.ptac.org) | [UT Center for Industrial Services \(tennessee.edu\)](https://www.utcenter.org)

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## UPCOMING BIDS

RFQ-TBR 23-0004 Piranha Ironworker & Equipment (TCAT Knoxville) 08/04/2022  
RFQ-TBR 23-0007 Air Brake Trainer (TCAT Crossville) 08/09/2022

## IN PROGRESS

RFQ-TBR 23-0008 Graphics for CDL Truck Driving (TCAT Jackson)  
RFQ-TBR 23-0009 Welding Industrial Metals & Raw Materials (TCAT Livingston)  
RFQ-TBR 23-0010 Welding Metals & Raw Materials (TCAT Morristown)  
RFQ-TBR 23-0011 Culinary Equipment (TCAT Oneida)  
RFQ-TBR 23-0012 Survey



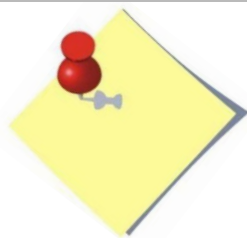
# GETTING to KNOW YOU

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## **We want to get to know you!**

Our Procurement Supplier Diversity team can help with TBR vendor registration, give direction on bidding opportunities, and facilitate introductions to our local procurement teams to ensure they know about your company's capabilities.

Schedule a meeting today at [TBR-Supplier Diversity](#)



## **Note From Accounts Payable**

To Streamline and expedite the vendor payment process, TBR and its Institutions is encouraging all vendors to participate in the ACH electronic payment option.

This process will eliminate any payment delays associated with the processing and mailing of paper checks. ACH delivery also ensures fund deposits within 48-hours of being processed. When your payment is processed, a remittance advice will be sent to you via email.

You may contact [payables.vendors@tbr.edu](mailto:payables.vendors@tbr.edu) or by email at the following address to obtain a copy of the ACH Authorization form which must be completed and returned.

Tennessee Board of Regents  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
1 Bridgestone Park, 3rd Floor  
Nashville, TN 37214

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Contact A/P at the email listed above or call 615.365.1559 with questions.



## SAVE the DATE

Mon - Tues, August 8-9, 2022, (CST) two-day event **DBE Small Business Annual Meeting (IN-PERSON EVENT)** Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, Tennessee

Hosted by: **Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT)** Registration is now open! Click [here](#) to register!

Thu, Aug. 11, 2022, 10:00 AM (CST)

### **Convincing a Prime to Put You on Their Team**

Part of the [Josh Frank Webinar Series](#) collection

Hosted by [The University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services](#)

[Register Here](#).



## COMING SOON

Tue, August 2, 2022 (IN-PERSON EVENT) 11:00 AM (CST) -

**Social Media Intro for Entrepreneurs and Marketing Professionals TSBDC**

\*Seats are limited [Register here](#).

**August 9, 2022** - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (CST)

**How to Work on Your Business and Not In Your Business.** In Person - Location: **TSBDC @ Volunteer State Community College**, Bldg. 300 [Register here](#).



## HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH TBR

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