

Join us for EDI!

CEI is a non-profit organization founded in 1982, as the Construction Estimating Institute. With more than 30 years of experience in training and assisting construction professionals, CEI is proud to be the chosen provider of the DBE Supportive Services program. The DBE Supportive Services Program's primary purpose is to increase the number of certified DBE contractors and consultants doing business with INDOT and the dollar percentage awarded to DBEs, as well as contribute to DBEs growth and eventual self-sufficiency. CEI provides certified DBEs with business development support, marketing and website support, technical and business management training courses, one-on-one assistance, capability statement design and much more, at no cost to the certified firm. CEI has a team of advisors ready to work with DBEs to assist with developing their business while increasing their capacity, as well as work with Primes to find them a DBE firm with the right skillset and capacity to do the work required. CEI's staff is made up of construction professionals from owners of companies to engineers. They bring real world experience and training to the DBEs every day.

CEI has introduced the Entrepreneurial Development Institute (EDI) Program in a virtual format this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. CEI offers virtual training on five different platforms depending on subject matter, type of event as well as size. The EDI Program consists of 14 two-hour webinars for certified DBEs in the state of Indiana. This program provides more detailed, technical training tailored to each firm's needs. Additionally, DBEs participating in the EDI Program will receive assistance developing business plans, capability statements and marketing their services to prime contractors and consultants. Firms that complete all segments of this program will receive a Certificate of Proficiency. In the past 18 months, there have been 31 graduates from the EDI program. Another round of the EDI Program will begin in May 2021, and currently eight DBEs have signed up.

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