

# PROCUREMENT

## Pathways to Procurement

**AT THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS,  
OUR CONNECTIONS RUN DEEP.**

### Port of New Orleans Small Business Contracting Opportunities:

Local and small businesses are a critical part of creating economic vitality in the region. As a part of the Port's Small Business Opportunity Program, we aim to increase the proportion of funds spent with qualified local and small business firms in construction, professional services, and goods and services. The Port's Procurement Team is working to develop mutually valuable professional relationships with local and small businesses to increase the number of businesses competing for Port contracts.

The Port encourages the participation of Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and accepts four different certifications:

1. The SLDBE Program run by the City of New Orleans
2. The State of Louisiana's Department of Economic Development's SBE Hudson Initiative Program
3. The Louisiana Unified Certification Program (LAUCP)
4. The Federal Small Business Enterprise Program (Sba.gov)

Respondents to Request for Proposals opportunities can receive points for inclusion of DBE/SBE firms. Responses must include evidence of certification with their proposals.

### Procurement Spending By The Numbers:

- We had a total of 3,583 PO's so far this fiscal year with a total spend of more than 120 million.
- 629 of the PO's were with Certified Small Businesses for a total small business spend of more than 11 million.

### Your Company's Roadmap to Procurement Opportunity...

**Step One:** Visit Central Bidding and the SEBConnect App to review current opportunities in construction, professional services, and goods and services for the Port of New Orleans and New Orleans Public Belt Railroad. You will need to create an account on [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com) for bid/proposal submission and check on the status of bids.

**Step Two:** Under "Browse Public Bids" click Louisiana Agencies, and look for the Port of New Orleans and the New Orleans Public Belt. This will bring you to the Procurement Opportunities. Check the list and click on any of the projects listed for more information, including specifications, start/end date and all corresponding bid documents.

**Step Three:** Submit your proposal via the Central Bidding portal. A member of our Procurement team will be in contact regarding next steps.

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### OUR WORK SPEAKS VOLUMES

Household items made possible by some of the commodities moved annually at Port NOLA:



660 MILLION  
CHICKEN POT PIES



1.65 MILLION  
STEEL-BODIED CARS



24.3 BILLION  
PLASTIC CREDIT CARDS



12.2 BILLION  
ALUMINUM CANS



145 MILLION  
RUBBER TIRES



20 BILLION  
CUPS OF COFFEE