

# National Minority Supplier Development Council

**By NMSDC**

*Editor's note: We encourage you to get to know the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). Below is content from their website "About" page. Visit <https://nmsdc.org/>*

Founded in 1972, the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) is the longest-operating business growth engine dedicated to expanding opportunities for historically underutilized entrepreneurs. Our impact extends well beyond supply chain development. It's about fostering upward mobility, broadening participation in the American free-market system, and ensuring fair access to the tools of economic success. Our mission is to help level the playing field by opening doors to wealth-building opportunities for those who have traditionally faced barriers.

other enterprises. These strategic relationships drive innovation, accelerate business growth, and enhance the strength, agility, and reliability of supply chains across industries.

**Our Vision**

To be the leading organization driving economic advancement and long-term financial success in underutilized communities across the country with a bold, measurable goal of generating \$1 trillion in economic impact through our initiatives and partnerships.

We empower businesses through targeted programs and educational resources designed to strengthen capabilities, support sustainable growth, and contribute to a more prosperous and connected society for future generations.



**Our Impact**

For well over fifty years, NMSDC has championed opportunities for business owners from underutilized communities across the country. Our track record is unmatched: more than 16,000 businesses connected with over 1,700

corporations, generating \$548.2 billion in annual economic output, supporting 2 million jobs, and contributing \$149.6 billion in total wages. We are the nation's largest and most effective nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing business

Small Business Exchange • Voice of Small, Emerging, Diversity-Owned Businesses Since 1984 [Click to read more](#)

# Opportunities

**LOUISIANA**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Public notices and participation activities

[Click for details](#)

**Doreen's Jazz New Orleans**

- Private lessons from Queen Clarinet
- Band performances at your venue
- Master classes for groups

504-908-7119  
doreenja@bellsouth.net  
www.doreensjazz.org



**Small Business Exchange Louisiana DEI**

- Advertise
- ITB to Targeted (NAICS/SIC/UNSPSC) Certified Businesses
- Telephone Follow-Up (Live)
- Agency/Organization Letters
- Computer Generated Dated and Timed Documentation
- Customized Reports Available

For more info contact  
Valerie Voorhies at  
vfv@sbeinc.com



**LOUISIANA BUSINESS JOURNAL**

**PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES**

With a database of over 1.6 million notices, SBE assists agencies with public legal notices

**Advertisements**  
Placed in various Louisiana Business Journal digital publications every month and at [www.louisianabusinessjournal.com](http://www.louisianabusinessjournal.com)

**Special Follow-Up Services**  
Custom design and development of services that you need for particular situations such as small business marketing, diversity goal completion, and agency capacity building

**Call for more information: 800-800-8534**

1984 **41** Years 2025

**Advertise in our digital LBJ**

weekly or whenever wherever to whomever you need to reach among agencies contractors diversity firms

**Balthazar Electric**  
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

We deliver a wide range of products and services to proudly serve construction, industrial, utility, and commercial businesses

 <b>ELECTRICAL</b> Wire, Distribution, Wiring Devices, Installation Material	 <b>LIGHTING</b> Bulbs, Ballasts, Exits/Emergency Lights, Installation Options	 <b>SECURITY</b> Smoke, Carbon Monoxide and Metal Detectors, Surveillance Equipment, and Batteries	 <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> Fiber Optic Cable, Telecommunication Systems, and Office Equipment
--	--	--	---

Contact info: 3623 D'Hemecourt Street • New Orleans, LA 70119  
504-891-5504-o • 504-891-5580-f • [Electric@balthazarinc.com](mailto:Electric@balthazarinc.com) • [www.Balthazarinc.com](http://www.Balthazarinc.com)

**LAGNIAPPE BAKEHOUSE**

Lagniappe Baking is a neighborhood bakehouse owned by pastry chef Kaitlin Guerin, a 2025 James Beard Award nominee. The one-of-a-kind assorted pastry boxes highlight the local, seasonal bounty of the Crescent City's agriculture. Each box challenges your taste buds with flavor combinations and leaves you anticipating the next.

[www.lagniappebaking.com](http://www.lagniappebaking.com)

**NMSDC**  
National Minority Supplier Development Council

[Learn More](#)

**VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

**2026**

**Federal Contracting for Small Businesses Webinar**  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 11:00 am–12:30 pm CST Online  
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration  
Contact: Irene Gonzalez, 208-334-1673, [irene.gonzalez@sba.gov](mailto:irene.gonzalez@sba.gov)  
Fee: Free; registration required

Learn the essentials of federal contracting for small businesses. This event will cover the basics of navigating the federal contracting process, as well as the various certifications available to help your small business succeed in the government marketplace. Certifications include: 8(a) Business Development Program, HUBZone Certification, Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB/EDWOSB), and Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB). Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and resources to help your small business. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/federal-contracting-basics-and-certifications-for-small-businesses-tickets-1977729716822>

**SBA 101: Introduction to SBA Programs Webinar**  
Thursday, January 15, 2026, 9:00 am–10:00 am CST Online  
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Rhode Island District Office  
Contact: Brian Hopkins, 401-528-4575, [brian.hopkins@sba.gov](mailto:brian.hopkins@sba.gov)  
Fee: Free; registration required

This free workshop, presented by the Rhode Island District Office, is designed to help entrepreneurs understand the various SBA programs and services available to help them as they start, expand, grow, and recover their businesses. This overview presentation covers: Introduction to the SBA; SBA Resource Partner Network—Business Training and One-on-One Counseling; Selling to the Federal Government—SBA Contracting Certification Programs; Access to Capital—Loan and Surety Bond Programs; International Trade Assistance; Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Assistance Loans. Register online for the free workshop webinar at <https://www.sba.gov/event/77580>

**Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar**  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm CST Online  
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration  
Contact: Patrice Dozier, [patrice.dozier@sba.gov](mailto:patrice.dozier@sba.gov)  
Fee: Free; registration required

SBA is creating a space for Woman-Owned Small Businesses, via WOSB certification! Are you a woman owner of a small business? The federal government's goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to woman-owned small businesses each year. Join us for training on how to register for SBA's Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program, which helps eligible small businesses to qualify for federal contracting opportunities. The monthly sessions include an overview of the self-certification process, and a discussion of the NAICS codes that qualify as WOSB or EDWOSB. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/woman-owned-small-business-wosb-certification-program-tickets-1977995825761>

**CERTIFICATION**

Small Business Exchange, Inc.  
is **DBE certified** by the Louisiana UCP.

