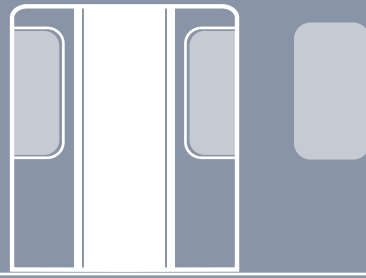


DOORS OPENING with the CTA



Be in the Know! Register as a Vendor

- o First, identify your most relevant NAICS codes (<https://www.naics.com/>) and keywords that best describes your products or services
- o Be sure to include your most current and responsive contact information
- o Register here <https://www.transitchicago.com/procurement/vendor-registration/>
 - You'll receive updates on CTA contracts, events workshops and more
- o Register here <https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>
 - You'll have access to review and submit CTA contracts

Get Certified! DBE Certification

- o CTA recognizes the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), established by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Regulation 49 C.F.R., Part 26.
- o Leverage certification with Primes and diversity spend goals
- o Certify here <https://cta.dbesystem.com/>
- o Or with Metra, PACE, IDOT, or City of Chicago
<https://idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/certifications/disadvantaged-business-enterprise-certification/index>

Know Your Stuff! Market Research

- o Plan for CTA contract opportunities: <https://www.transitchicago.com/buyingplan/>
- o Learn about open solicitations: <https://transitchicago.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>
- o Find DBEs: <https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/UCP/ExternalSearch>

Network! Connect with CTA and Primes

- o Connect with CTA Prime contractors: <https://www.transitchicago.com/procurement/>
- o Team for contracts: <https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/UCP/ExternalSearch>
- o Attend CTA Diversity Small Business Programs events
- o Follow us on Social Media:
 - LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-transit-authority/>
 - YouTube - CTA: Doors Opening

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