



The US Department of Transportation (USDOT), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Surety and Fidelity Association of America (SFAA)

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**FY 2022 Informational Meeting for  
USDOT's Bonding Education Program (BEP) in Michigan  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 2 PM - 3:30 PM**

Many small businesses face difficulty in accessing bonding and financing to grow their business. The Bonding Education Program (BEP) is a hands-on, multi-component program designed to address what businesses need to do to become bond-ready, obtain capital and eliminate barriers to contract opportunities.

This program is tailored to businesses competing for transportation-related contracts, which include the categories of engineering, vertical and horizontal construction, trucking, landscaping and more.

Cohort participants will:

- Learn how to obtain/increase bonding capacity
- Learn how to gain access to capital
- Have one-to-one sessions with local surety bonding professionals and lending institution representatives
- Hear from local, state and federal agencies about contract opportunities
- Learn how to *Perfect Your Elevator Pitch*
- Receive one-to-one business development consulting services
- Learn about targeted business certifications and associations
- Network with prime contractors, agency representatives and each other

Register to learn about the eligibility requirements and hear from past graduates about the value of this program. **Registration Deadline: COB on Friday, September 10, 2021**

**REGISTER FOR THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING [HERE](#)**

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