

## Ready, Set, GROW!

The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs is helping small, minority and women business owners compete for State contracting opportunities with a new live workshop series entitled **Ready, Set, GROW!** Join us for the next workshop on Thursday, December 3rd at 10 am at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata.

"Public procurement can be tough to navigate," stated Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs. "We want to help small and micro businesses master the skills necessary to compete with confidence as they go after prime and subcontracting opportunities with the State."

The two-hour workshop will include where to find procurement opportunities within the 70 participating agencies and tips on how to navigate the procurement process as well as information about certification in the State's Minority Business Enterprise Program and vendor enrollment in the Small Business Reserve Program.

A unique element of the Ready, Set, GROW! workshop is the inclusion of procurement officers discussing specific opportunities available at their agencies. Buyers from the **Maryland State Highway Administration, the Department of Information Technology, the College of Southern Maryland and St. Mary's College of Maryland** will be on-hand to discuss bid opportunities and meet with interested vendors during the networking session.



There is no cost to attend the **Ready, Set, GROW!** workshop on December 3rd at the College of Southern Maryland, but space is limited and advance registration is required.

[Click here to register online today.](#)



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