



## **Learn how to Grow Your Business with Government Contracting**

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture Hosts Free Rural Small Business Connection Event**

**Hosted by the USDA  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
June 25, 2014**

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- **Are you a federal contractor, looking to grow your business?**
- **Are you a business owner who is interested in learning about federal contracting opportunities?**
- **Are you a farmer, part of a food hub or cooperative, or food processor, who is interested to learn how to sell food commodities to the government?**

If you answered 'YES' the Rural Small Business Connections will provide you with the educational and networking opportunities to build capacity and successfully do business with USDA and other Federal agencies.

The Rural Small Business Connections is designed to provide small businesses and small farmer-owned cooperatives with the exposure and insight to increase small business contracting participation with the Federal and State government. Conference presenters include:

- **Small Business Administration**
- **The Arkansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center**
- **Arkansas Office of State Procurement**
- **The Arkansas Economic Development**
- **University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff**
- **Delta Regional Authority**
- **U.S. Department of Transportation-Small Business Transportation Center**
- **Department of Defense**

Additionally, attendees will be able to meet with Small Business Specialists from the Forest Service, Agriculture Research Service, Rural Development, and the Agriculture Marketing Service, and will be able to introduce their companies.

The event will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the campus of University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Building #30 S.J. Parker 1890 Extension Complex Auditorium, 2300 L. A. Prexy Drive, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR 71601.

Again, there is no fee to participate, however, pre-registration is preferred, with onsite registration available. Registration is available by visiting: <http://www.dm.usda.gov/smallbus/rsbc.htm>