

# MN PTAC 2015 Certification Lunch-N-Learn Workshops

The free *Certification Lunch-N-Learn* workshops are designed to educate businesses on the various certification programs that are available.

**Registration:** <http://mnptac.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action>

## Location (for all workshops):

250 2nd Avenue South, Suite 106A

Minneapolis, MN 55401

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Registration begins at 11 a.m.)

*Please bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.*

## Upcoming Workshops:

**3/10/2015 – Small Business Administration Historically Under Utilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Certification. Presenter – Randy Czaia, SBA**

This workshop will focus on how the HUBZone program works, its eligibility requirements, and its benefits. It will also provide tips on finding qualifying areas and provide tips on completing the HUBZone on-line application.

**4/7/05 – Small Business Administration Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB) and Economically Disadvantaged WOSB Certification. Presenter – Randy Czaia, SBA**

This session will provide information on SBA's Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program and the Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business Program (EDWOSB) and how to be certified. Additionally, the session will provide NAICS codes that will be best suited for the program.

**5/14/15 – Veteran Verification. Presenter – Mark Cooper, MN PTAC**

This session is designed to help you learn the steps for applying for Veteran status in order to do business with the Department of Veterans Affairs or State of Minnesota agencies. The session will outline in detail the eligibility requirements, corporate documents needed, expectations from the application review process and what contract opportunities are available for veteran-owned businesses.

**6/11/15 – State of Minnesota Targeted Group Business (TG) Certification. Presenter – Jamara, Cheek, College Recruiter**

This session will provide an overview of the State of Minnesota Targeted Group (TG) Certification. This session will review the application and checklist and provide tools to help you obtain certification.

**7/9/15 – Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification. Presenter - Jamara Cheek, College Recruiter**

This session will offer you a practical overview for understanding what it means to be certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Minnesota. Included is a step by step review of the application requirements.

**8/13/15 – CERT Certification: Eligibility Requirements and How to Submit a Complete Application. Presenter – Tisidra Jones, City of St. Paul**

This session will provide an overview of the Central CERT Certification Program and discuss what applicants need to do to submit a complete application.

**9/10/15 – Section 3 Certification. Presenter – Dave Gorski, City of St. Paul**

Learn about the Section 3 program and how you can become certified. Section 3 is intended to ensure that when employment or contracting opportunities are generated (because a Section 3 project or activity requires the employment of additional persons or the awarding of contracts for work), preference must be given to low and very-low income persons or business concerns residing in the community where the project is located. Section 3 is both race and gender neutral; the preferences provided under this regulation are based on income level and location.

**10/08/15 – Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification. Presenter – Katie Lang, Women’s Business Development Center – MN**

This session will help you identify if the leading woman’s business certification is right for you. The WBE Certification is national in scope and issued by a third-party agency Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Ideal participants should be a part of a business that at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by a woman or women, and whose target market includes corporate America.

**11/12/15 – Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Certification. Presenter – Tonya Herbert-Dickson, North Central Minority Supplier Development Council (NCMSDC)**

Learn how to become a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). This session will cover the MBE certification process for “ethnic” (African-American, Hispanic-American, Native American, Asian and Pacifica Islander American) minority business owner.

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