



Small Local Business Enterprise Newsletter

Supporting Small Business

Central Services Department understands the impact COVID-19 has to small business. In response, firms whose certification expires between the months of April and June will be extended to July 31, 2020. Certification extension letters will be provided to those who fall within that expiration time frame and will not need to renew until July 31, 2020. The County will resume accepting applications beginning June 15, 2020.

All applications and documents are being accepted electronically. To submit your documents, please email to centralserviceslbe@claytoncountyga.gov. Staff are working remotely and please expect a delay in processing your applications.

**We
support
you**

Business Talk

On Friday, March 27, 2020, the President signed into law the CARES Act, which contains \$376 billion in relief for American workers and small businesses. In addition to traditional SBA funding programs, the CARES Act established several new temporary programs to address the COVID-19 outbreak.

Additionally, the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program will provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus.

For more relief options, visit the following sites:

www.sba.gov

www.Covid19relief.sab.gov

Email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov to receive further information.



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SLBE Events

As we continue to focus on the growth and expansion of our small businesses, we are excited to say that our Supplier Speed Networking Event was a huge success! Held on March 11, 2020 at the Atlanta Farmers Market Exhibit Hall in Forest Park, Georgia, the speed networking focused on helping small businesses grow and succeed. It was well-attended by more than 100 small business owners, Georgia local, county and state entities as well as local organizations.

The speed networking provided opportunities for small business owners to learn how to do business with the multiple agencies, learn about bid opportunities, connect with purchasing professionals throughout the state, meet and network with local resources and potential partners, and understand key resources available to small businesses.

Events for the year have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. We value your partnership and look forward to continuing to provide you with information to help you succeed!



Moving Forward

New Document Submission Portal

Central Services Department has created contactless document submission for providing certification application documents. Businesses interested in applying for Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE), Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) and Local Vendor Preference (LVP) Program, will still need to download the application, complete and return via email to be processed. Supporting documents can be uploaded into the secure portal after the application has been emailed. This process provides a safe and efficient way of submitting and receiving documents.

The new secure portal can be accessed at <https://slbe.claytoncountyga.gov/> and will be placed on Clayton County's Small Local Business Enterprise website and under related links.

- View
- Print
- Redaction
- Co-View
- Co-Markup
- Collaboration



Virtual Workshops

Central Services Department seeks to continue to inform our small business community of certification and business opportunities with Clayton County. Virtual Workshops will be scheduled on the topics of How To Do Business with Clayton County, and Business Certifications beginning in June, 2020. Registration is free and open to the public.



Clayton County will launch it's online bidding process for One-time Purchases and Annual Contracts Commodities. Stay tuned for more information.

**ONLINE
BIDDING**

Supplier Survey

Central Services Department has created it's first official feedback questionnaire which can be located on the Clayton County's website under the Central Services Department's page. Any feedback from suppliers will help Central Services Department improve the supplier's Procurement experience with Clayton County.

The survey asks questions regarding procurement services as well as customer service skills provided by the Department. Suppliers answers are important and responses will be used to assist in the continuing efforts to improve programs and services provided.

The survey may be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCcentralervicesexternal>

