



Passport to Success Series: Resources for Small Businesses

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With support from JP Morgan Chase and Nalls Davis Attorneys at Law, the Dayton Human Relations Council will host the 2023 PEP Passport to Success Program at the West Branch Library, 300 Abbey Avenue, Dayton. The first workshop will take place on Tuesday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Passport to Success Program is designed to equip small businesses in a variety of areas to expand capacity-building and to ensure their success in the City of Dayton Procurement Enhancement Program (PEP) and other state-certified business programs (MBE/WBE EDGE, ODOT's DBE and ACDBE, and VFBs).

The Passport to Success Program is HRC's commitment toward "setting the stage" to increase City of Dayton efforts to promote equitable economic inclusion. Each workshop is designed to adequately address business owners' needs that were expressed in HRC's recent small business development survey. HRC identified existing gaps in technical assistance with companies who are PEP certified to do business with the City of Dayton.

The Passport to Success program is a signature monthly event which is designed to bridge the gap between the needs of City departments and the services of certified minority business enterprises. During this monthly series HRC is actively participating in area-wide outreach activities to encourage relationship building among PEP/MBE certified companies and prime contractors. The HRC opens the door for appointments, ideas, and collaboration to assist in the growth of certified PEP/MBE companies.

Aaron D. Lumpkin, Community & Business Development Manager, Dayton Market, for JP Morgan Chase, is excited to be a part of the Passport to Success workshops. "Understanding the needs of small businesses is what JP Morgan Chase is all about. For businesses to grow they need access to contracts, counseling, and capital," Lumpkin said.

The dates and topics are as follows:

July 11: You are Certified, Now What?

August 8: Access to Capital: Accounting, Grants, Credit, Loans

Sept. 12: Building a Dream Team: Strategies for Recruiting & Retaining Quality Employees

Oct 10: The AI Advantage: Elevating Your Capabilities Statement and Marketing Strategies

Nov. 14: Merging For Success: A Comprehensive Workshop on Joint Ventures, Mergers, & Compliance

Dec.12: Bonding Estimating/Bidding Assistance, Insurance/Workers Compensation

Registration is available through Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/PEPPassport23>.

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