



## **2022 PEP Passport to Success schedule announced**

-With support from JPMorgan Chase-

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With support from JPMorgan Chase, the Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC) will host the first PEP Passport to Success Program for 2022 at West Branch Library, 300 Abbey Ave., on Tuesday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This workshop series will take place every second Tuesday from June to December. The Passport to Success Program is designed to equip small businesses in a variety of areas to expand capacity building opportunities and to ensure their success in the City of Dayton Procurement Enhancement Program (PEP) and other state-certified business programs (MBE/WBE EDGE, ODOT DBE and ACDBE, and VFBs).

“It’s imperative that small businesses have access to the tools they need to succeed,” said Aaron Lumpkin, JPMorgan Chase community manager for Dayton. “These workshops will provide valuable resources and information surrounding topics all small businesses need to succeed such as accessing contracts, counseling and access to capital.”

Passport to Success is HRC’s commitment toward increasing City of Dayton efforts to promote equitable economic inclusion. Each workshop is designed to adequately address business owners’ needs 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.

“Our goals are to ensure that the hardest to reach minority business enterprises are informed of general and upcoming American Recovery Plan Act opportunities and have the critical resources and assistance in the bidding process,” said Erica Fields, HRC executive director.

The dates and topics are as follows:

- June 14: You Are Certified, Now What?
- July 12: Estimating/Bidding Assistance
- Aug. 9: Access to Capital
- Sept. 13: Recruiting/Retaining Quality Employees
- Oct. 11: Capabilities Statements/Marketing
- Nov. 8: Joint Venturing, Mergers/Acquisitions, and Laws Regulating Them
- Dec. 13: Bonding, Insurance, and Workers Compensation

Registration is available at <https://youarecertified.eventbrite.com>.

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