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Three websites that can help women and minority business enterprises secure work from the Federal Government

As the federal stimulus plan moves forward, W/MBEs need to take *full* advantage of the opportunities of the billions of dollars for new programs which will be available in the coming months.

I suggest three important federal websites which can help you navigate through the federal process.

The first site is operated by the federal General Services Administration. This site serves as the portal for you to use in finding what opportunities are available.

The site is www.fedbizopp.gov/

The Central Contract Registration is another important site for you to review frequently. The address is www.ccr.gov/

The Department of Commerce has available a program to help W/MBEs. The Minority Business Development Agency's mission is to enhance the growth and expansion of minority business enterprises. Most of you may not be familiar with it activities. The agency's website address is www.mbda.gov/

Given the severity of the recession, competition for federal stimulus dollars will be fierce. It is very important for W/MBEs to be aggressive in securing their fair share of these dollars. It is a clear fact that W/MBEs are far more likely to provide *new* jobs than mainline corporations.

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