



Enterprising Women Match-Maker Event

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, February 13, 2012

Dear Woman Business Owner:

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC-Chicago) is delighted to invite you to participate in a National Corporate Match-Maker opportunity presented by Enterprising Women Magazine, the WBDC-Chicago and hosted by Office Depot on Monday, March 12, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at Office Depot's global headquarters in Boca Raton, FL in conjunction with the **10th Annual Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration** and the 2012 *Connect, Inspire and Grow Workshops*.

The purpose of this program is to establish connections between women-owned businesses (WBO) and buyers from corporations and government agencies seeking WBO suppliers for specific opportunities. **Eligible businesses will be pre-selected by corporate and government buyers to participate in 20-minute, one-on-one meeting(s) that will take place throughout the afternoon. Last year, over 100 meetings took place.**

To participate, all interested parties must complete both the Request for Appointment (RFA) Form and the Match-Maker Registration Form no later than Monday, February 13, 2012. There is a \$99 registration fee to participate in the Match-Maker.

The \$99 fee includes:

- A webinar prior to the Match-Maker to discuss making the most of Match-Making opportunities,
- Roundtrip transportation from the Ritz-Carlton, Ft. Lauderdale (the host hotel of the 2012 Enterprising Women of the Year Awards) to Office Depot Headquarters,
- A luncheon to include a keynote address,
- A full day of *Connect, Inspire & Grow Workshops* and
- An opportunity for individual corporate/government Match-Maker appointments concluding at 5:00 p.m.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR RFA FORM AND REGISTER NOW](#)

Please note: you do not need to be a certified WBE to participate in this Match-Maker opportunity. We will present a free webinar to help you decide if WBE certification is right for you and to better prepare you for this Match-Maker event. (Information regarding the date and time of this webinar will be sent to you soon).

It is our goal to accommodate your appointment preferences, (morning, afternoon) however, please be aware that in order to maximize your opportunities it is recommended that you make arrangements to be available for the **duration of the Match-Maker** as there may be a need to schedule some appointments outside of your preferred timeframe.

Match-Maker meetings are driven by the needs of our participating corporations and government agencies, and not by the WBDC-Chicago or Enterprising Women. There is no guarantee that a WBO will be invited to participate in a meeting. All Match-Maker appointments will be coordinated and confirmed no later than February 27, 2012.

We hope you will participate in this tremendous opportunity to promote your products and services to some of the country's top corporations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional questions you might have at: ktravis@wbdc.org.

*Please pay close attention to the refund policy; no registration payments will be refunded if a registrant does not receive an invitation to participate in a Match-Maker meeting.