



## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Free Vendor Workshops Sponsored by the Springfield Redevelopment Authority**

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Redevelopment Authority will sponsor two free vendor workshops, entitled Connecting Your Business to the Commonwealth, and the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) Pre-Certification Workshop, for those interested in establishing their own business and becoming more marketable entities.

The Connecting Your Business to the Commonwealth workshop will be held Tuesday, June 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the FutureWorks Career Center, located at 1 Federal Street #103-3. Participants will learn where to find bidding opportunities and about the bidding process, the basics of COMMBUYS, about the Small Business purchasing Program and how to achieve SDO Certification.

The Supplier Diversity Office Pre-Certification Workshop will be held Monday, July 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Richard E. Neal City Hall Annex Building, at 70 Tapley Street. Attendees will learn how to apply for certification as a minority, woman, and/or disadvantaged business enterprise.

At both workshops SDO trainers will assist attendees with setting up a free COMMBUYS vendor account to access the Commonwealth's online procurement center where government bidding opportunities are listed.

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno states, "Our economy continues to improve and my administration continues to push on economic development projects big and small to create more jobs. It is vitally important that all can prosper, especially in our minority, woman and/or disadvantaged business enterprise communities.

The key is to be properly certified to compete for these upcoming opportunities. I urge any and all to attend these Supplier Diversity Office pre-certification workshops.”

For those interested in attending, please see the accompanying flyers and to register for either class, visit [www.mass.gov/SDO](http://www.mass.gov/SDO).

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