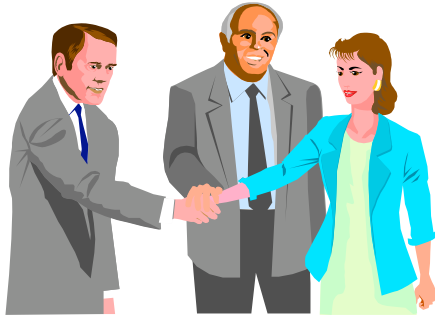

Technology Tools

On-Line Bid Matching System **Phoenix-Opportunity**

Phoenix-Opportunity is an on-line system that allows you to register your minority company with the Minority Business Development Agency's database of minority business enterprises using the Internet. With this tool, you will be able to access contract opportunities and other information vital to the success of your business. You will also be able to post opportunities and seek business partners.



Phoenix-Opportunity is a free service provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. Register your business and receive free contract referrals.

The **Phoenix-Opportunity** database is very different from most business registration and contract referral systems found in government and private industry today. First, unlike most private services, **Phoenix-Opportunity** is free. Second, **Phoenix-Opportunity** permits you to register once and receive many public and private contract referrals. Third, government and some private services require that you search lengthy databases of contract opportunities on-line. This is time-consuming and difficult, as the wording and context of the contract notices are often confusing and the information outdated. **Phoenix-Opportunity** sorts the database for you each night and automatically refers opportunities to you via simply worded email or fax. You receive timely information without extensive searching. As your business grows and you increase your capabilities, you can use your personal password to update your business profile on-line at any time.

When a match is made, you receive the dollar amount of the contract, time and place for delivery, contact information and bonding requirements. The offering company receives your corporate contact information, email and Internet home page (if available). You also receive information about minority business support services that may assist you with bid preparation, finance or bonding.

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