



## Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) Request For Proposals (RFP) Timeline

The Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) releases this Request For Proposals (RFP) timeline for the purpose of obtaining economic and/or community development-focused, non-profit organizations to provide consulting, training, business development, strategic management and technical assistance to Ohio's minority, socially and economically disadvantaged business community. Development's minority business development division reserves the right to adjust the RFP calendar of event dates as needed as it is deemed appropriate. The RFP announces the anticipated availability of funding for the Minority Business Assistance Center program and solicits applications for operators of Minority Business Assistance Centers in the locations specified. Funding will be awarded for a period of 24 months beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

RFP Timeline	Action
February 20, 2015	Development releases RFP to potential applicants
March 6, 2015	Pre-bid conference at 11:00 a.m.
March 9, 2015	Development closes applicant question and answer period at 5 p.m.
March 16, 2015	Development posts answers to applicant questions
April 17, 2015	Deadline for applicants to submit proposals to development by 5 p.m.
April 27 - 30	Scheduled interviews for proposed MBAC host and staff
May 4, 2015	Development issues Minority Business Assistance Center final decision notification letters
July 1, 2015	Minority Business Assistance Centers open for business
June 30, 2017	Project completion