

## Minority Surety Bond Guaranty Program

The Minority Surety Bond Guaranty Program provides socially and economically disadvantaged minority businesses with technical assistance throughout the construction bonding process and provides eligible businesses with a bond guaranty where necessary. The program aims to increase minority participation in construction and building trade contracts with federal, state and local units of government.

Minority surety bond guaranties are available on construction projects requiring a performance and payment bond where the contracting agency is a federal, state or local unit of government. It is also available on certain private projects that have governmental funding, and, in some instances, the program may provide for bid bonds on public projects or private jobs with public funding.

To qualify for the Minority Surety Bond Guaranty Program, eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be in the construction or building trade business;
- Be certified as a Minority Business Enterprise through MDA's Minority and Small Business Development Division;
- Have been in business at least one year prior to application;
- Have its principal place of business located in Mississippi;
- Meet experience and financial standards appropriate to the contract;
- Agree to subcontract no more than 75 percent of a qualified contract; and
- Show reasonable evidence of an inability to secure bonding under normal market conditions.

The applicant may be a prime contractor or subcontractor as long as there is an executed contract for work to be performed.

In order to be considered for a bond guaranty, an eligible business and/or its bond producer must contact MDA's Minority and Small Business Development Division at 601.359.3448 or email [minority@mississippi.org](mailto:minority@mississippi.org) to begin the process.