



# Introduction and Overview of the SBA's 8(a) Program

Did you know that the federal government's goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to small disadvantaged businesses each year?

Have you heard about the SBA's small business certification program called 8(a)? The 8(a) program was established to help provide a level playing field for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people or entities. The government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the 8(a) Business Development program.

This workshop will be giving an overview of the 8(a) program, the qualifications a firm has to meet in order to apply, the application process, and the types of opportunities that are available for 8(a) firms. If you have ever considered pursuing the 8(a) certification or simply have questions about the certification, you will want to attend this workshop.

Our speaker is Jawanda Jones, SBA Business Opportunity Specialist in Birmingham. Jawanda specifically works with 8(a) firms and will bring a wealth of information and knowledge to share with you.

DATE:  
Wednesday,  
Nov 13, 2019  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LOCATION:  
Innovation Depot  
1500 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Room C-109

FEE: No fee

DETAILS:  
**Bring your own lunch**

Seating is limited! [Click Here to Register Online.](#)  
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