



OSDBU's Success in the South Atlantic Region

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), is proud to highlight the South Atlantic Regional Field Office's service to the small business community with its Bonding Education Program (BEP) efforts.



BEP Graduates and SBTRC staff

The South Atlantic Small Business Transportation Resource Center (SBTRC) hosted their first BEP from August 27 through September 17, 2013, in Norfolk, VA. The BEP successfully graduated 12 small businesses from the program. The SBTRCs use the Surety Fidelity Association of America's (SFAA) national network to secure local surety professionals who volunteer to assist the small businesses in becoming bondable or increasing their bonding capacity through the BEP. Through its hands-on, multi-component program, the BEP aims to help businesses grow by obtaining or building bonding capacity.

The OSDBU establishes agreements with chambers of commerce, trade associations, educational institutions and other business organizations to serve

as SBTRCs also known as Regional Field Offices. Old Dominion University Research Foundation serves as the South Atlantic SBTRC located in Norfolk, VA. The South Atlantic SBTRC executes the OSDBU's small business assistance programs throughout the states of Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

For more information on the South Atlantic SBTRC, please visit their new webpage showcasing all upcoming events, a detailed description of the SBTRC, and contact information located in the link below.

Link to the South Atlantic SBTRC webpage:

www.dot.gov/osdbu/southatlantic-sbtrc

For information on the BEP, please visit:

www.dot.gov/osdbu/financial-assistance/bonding-education/bonding-education-program