

Vote Smart's Free, Factual, Unbiased Info

By Vote Smart

Editor's note: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is Election Day. This article offers information that you can find on the nonpartisan Vote Smart website. We encourage you to read the article, visit the website (<https://www.votessmart.org>), and vote.

Vote Smart provides free, factual, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials.

Every day, we are bombarded by too much information. Much of it, we would be right to distrust. Misinformation and deception are never far from the headlines. A few decades ago, Americans struggled to have access to information on politics. Today, we struggle with too much and little of it is trusted.

Picture this: a source of trusted information, unbiased and nonpartisan, free to every American every day of every year. Picture this gift being given by ordinary people funding ordinary citizens working to collect, test, verify, and share the most valuable facts needed to be a full participant in our democracy.

This is what we do at Vote Smart

Started over thirty years ago by Presidents Ford and Carter and other political leaders, Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike, each leader knew our democracy depends on Americans having the trusted, factual tools needed to resist deception, manipulation, and division based on lies and emotional appeals.

Our founding president, Richard Kimball, led this effort from the beginning and united leaders, politicians, educators, and others to create this special tool for the American people.

From Arizona to Oregon to Massachusetts to Montana to Iowa, Vote Smart has done this work longer than any other unbiased project funded by ordinary citizens.

When you are ready, head over to see all our voter tools for you to use.

How did an elected official vote? We have those facts.

How did they fund their campaign? We can tell you where they got their money.

What is their previous experience to run for office? We've got their full resume.



Who is endorsing them that you may know? We collect thousands of endorsements by groups across the political spectrum.

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- The Department of Finance-Bureau of Revenue
- The Department of Safety & Permits

Tuesday, October 29, 2024
1:30PM - 3:00PM
The Office of Procurement/Bureau of Purchasing - "Doing Business with the City of New Orleans"
The Department of Finance-Bureau of Revenue - "Special Event Permits"

Thursday, October 31, 2024
1:30PM - 3:00PM
The Department of Safety & Permits - "Navigating the One Stop App & Short Term Rentals"

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2024

Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
Thursday, November 14, 2024, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm CDT Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

Did you know that the federal government is the largest purchaser of goods and services in the world? Interested in learning how your business can market your services or goods to the federal government? Register on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-sell-to-the-federal-government-tickets-21790713611> SBA helps to ensure small businesses get fair opportunities to share federal government prime contracts. Topics will include: How to Register, Small Business Certifications, Finding Opportunities, Marketing Your Firm, Federal Supply Schedules, Getting Paid, Tips to Prepare Your Offer, How to Seek Additional Assistance. All training sessions are held via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Participants must ensure Microsoft Teams is functioning.

Federal Contracting: Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Certification Program Webinar
Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm CDT Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
Welcome to the WOSB webinar series! Are

you a woman owner of a small business? The federal government's goal is to award at least five percent of all federal contracting dollars to woman-owned small businesses each year. Join us for training on how to register for SBA's Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB) program, which helps eligible small businesses to qualify for federal contracting opportunities. The monthly sessions will include an overview of the self-certification process, as well as a discussion of the NAICS codes that qualify as WOSB or EDWOSB. Register for this free webinar at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/woman-owned-small-business-wosb-certification-program-tickets-853225690007>

8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar
Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 9:30 am-10:30 am CDT Online
Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
Contact: SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528, illinois.do@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

Join the Small Business Administration (SBA) Illinois District Office for a virtual workshop providing an overview of the 8(a) Business Development program, eligibility requirements, and program benefits. Also learn how to increase your potential for federal contract opportunities through System for Award Management (SAM) registration, including information that you need for the registration process. SBA presenters will offer additional tips, address FAQs, give directions on where to get further assistance, and answer your other questions. To register for this free webinar, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8a-orientation-sam-registration-tickets-518989961947>

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