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Information session planned on contracting opportunities for the Blatnik Bridge project

\$1.8 billion replacement project planned for aging bridge.

SUPERIOR, WI, 2024—The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and its partners will hold an information session on potential business opportunities associated with the Blatnik Bridge replacement project and provide updates on its status and timeline.

The information session will be held Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Superior Entrepreneurship Center Ballroom, 1401 Tower Ave., Third floor, Superior, WI 54880.

The bridge, which connects Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota, is nearing the end of its service life, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) are planning its replacement. The two states were awarded a \$1.06 billion grant under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to use toward the estimated \$1.8 billion bridge reconstruction project.

This major infrastructure project will bring procurement opportunities to Wisconsin and Minnesota businesses.

Geri Sanchez Aglipay, regional administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be the featured guest speaker.

The event is presented by WEDC in partnership with MnDOT, WisDOT, Duluth Seaway Port Authority, UW-Superior Small Business Development Center, Apex Accelerator, U.S. SBA, U.S. Economic Development Administration, Wisconsin Procurement Institute, Wisconsin Department of Administration, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, SCORE, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corp., City of Superior, Superior Chamber of Commerce, Superior Business Improvement District, and the Development Association.

To register, contact [Wisconsin Procurement Institute \(WPI\)](http://Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI)), call [\(414\) 270-3600](tel:414-270-3600), or register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/iB3C1pAtKp>

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