Update on Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

What is our operating status?

Along with the rest of District Government, our agency remains operational. We are operating on a telework status and have made some modifications to how services are being provided which are listed below.

How does this impact what we do?

- **Certified Business Enterprise Program** – modified service. We will continue to review new applications and accept applications. No site visits will take place from March 16-31, 2020.
- **DC Procurement Technical Assistance Center –** modified service. We will continue to review existing client information/cases and accept new clients. No in-person meetings will take place from March 16-31.
- **DC Main Street Program** – no changes. We will continue to work with and support the businesses located in the District commercial corridors.
- **DC Clean Teams** – no changes. We will continue to maintain and keep District commercial corridors clean from March 16-31.
- **Business Trainings & Workshops** – suspended. No in-person trainings and workshops will take place from March 16-31.
- **Compliance & Enforcement** – modified service. We will continue to collect, review and monitor all compliance-related documents from beneficiaries of District-funded projects. No spot checks will take place from March 16-31.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- **DSLBD Headquarters** – closed from March 16-31.

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- DSLBD will continue to communicate with stakeholders via dslbd.dc.gov and social media including Twitter (@SmallBizDC) and Instagram (@smallbizdc).

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-431-3373 or james.partlow3@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.