

# Developing Your Business Through EDGE

Whether you've been in business for some time or are just getting started, our Entrepreneurial, Development, Growth and Education (EDGE) program is made for you.

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Investing in the long-term growth and sustainability of diverse suppliers is a key component of our Supplier Diversity Program. Through EDGE, our supplier development initiative, we provide business education opportunities to businesses of all sizes, ranging from microenterprises to larger firms. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive development experience through mentoring, workshops and scholarships.

EDGE is designed to achieve three main goals:

- Deliver technical assistance and capacity building training in alignment with business needs.
- Partner with key internal and external stakeholders to support and scale the growth of program participants.
- Develop suppliers with a wide range of capabilities and expertise to support a sustainable supply chain.

## Mentoring

Our Mentorship Program has an 18-month progressive learning curriculum that provides developmental opportunities through coaching, mentoring, and business education based on the participating firms' needs.

## Workshops

Our workshops offer technical assistance and capacity building aimed at preparing firms to do business with us and others. In addition to workshops we host, we regularly partner with various advocacy and community-based organizations on their educational initiatives.

## Scholarships

We provide a number of scholarships to diverse business owners so they can further develop their business acumen. Scholarship recipients attend programs through Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, UCLA Anderson Executive Education and others. Firms can apply or be nominated for a scholarship.