

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS BOARD TEST PREPARATION



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In Oregon, state law requires any person who works for compensation in any construction activity involving improvements to real property to be licensed. To obtain a license, the state requires 16 hours of study before registering for the licensing exam.

Oregon's Construction Contractors Board (CCB) license is a license to do business as a contractor—but the “business” part often stops there, and many construction contractors struggle due to a lack of business skills. The State of Oregon has a vested interest in seeing construction contractors succeed. By enrolling in the Oregon SBDC Construction Contractors Board training, participants receive the **16 hours of curriculum** required by the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, as well as access to resources that encourage business success.

After completing the CCB training, participants often participate in additional training on business startup issues, as well as no-cost, one-on-one advising. Advising and additional training leads to more business starts and gives participants a strong foundation for managing their businesses.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Distance Delivery to Accommodate High Demand

Over the past three years, the demand for this program has rapidly increased across the state. This presented an opportunity for the Network to focus on increasing access to the training via distance delivery (provided in English and Spanish) to Centers statewide.

Providing Bilingual Curriculum and Testing

An agreement between the Clackamas SBDC and the Oregon CCB allowed the SBDC to pilot improvements to the CCB curriculum and testing in both English and Spanish while also allowing the Network to help those who obtain their CCB license start and sustain successful businesses.

Increased Pass Rates

As a result of improved CCB curriculum, the SBDC has seen continuous improvement in CCB exam pass rates, particularly for Spanish speakers. The first-time pass rates have been as **high as 90%** for one class, while the **average pass rate is 73%**. Before the SBDC started this effort, the pass rate for Spanish-speaking clients was less than 10%.

2021-2022 ECONOMIC IMPACT

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

CAPITAL FORMATION

