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DMB director tells Lake Superior Community Partnership members about Buy Michigan First initiative

MARQUETTE, MI – Lisa Webb Sharpe, director of the Michigan Department of Management and Budget, today promoted the Governor's Buy Michigan First initiative to members of the Lake Superior Community Partnership at the Holiday Inn in Marquette.

"There are plenty of opportunities to do business with the state," said Webb Sharpe. "Buy Michigan First invests in Michigan businesses. We need more Michigan businesses taking advantage of the opportunities."

The State of Michigan has a contract portfolio of more than 1,300 contracts valued in excess of \$16 billion for services, information technology, commodities, real estate leasing, and design and construction. In the UP, the state has more than 30 contracts worth more than \$520 million.

"Buy Michigan First creates jobs across Michigan, including the UP. The Iron River Call Center is a perfect example," said Amy Clickner, executive director of the Lake Superior Community Partnership. "We need more UP businesses to consider doing business with the state, as we continue to grow and diversify our economy."

For more information about Buy Michigan First, please visit www.michigan.gov/BuyMichiganFirst.

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