MDOT’s 35th Annual Small Business Development Conference Draws Hundreds of Participants at its New Location

With more than 400 participants from across the state, MDOT’s 35th Annual Small Business Development Conference was a huge success. The conference, held March 22-24 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Dearborn for the first time, was enjoyed by all who attended. The Office of Business Development (OBD) thanks everyone who helped make this event run smoothly, especially the sponsors, who helped create our first fully sponsored networking reception.

Conference attendees were presented with a number of networking opportunities, including a vendor fair with more than 30 participating vendors, and a prime contractor roundtable, which connected DBEs and primes around specific types of work needed on projects. Additionally, conference participants were offered a number of workshop sessions, such as “Benefits of Associations” and “Contracting Opportunities Outside of MDOT”.

This year’s conference featured two astonishing keynote speakers in Kimberly Papillon and Dr. Eric Thomas. Participants were able to learn from Ms. Papillon about their unconscious perceptions of people and to identify how it affects the decision-making process. Dr. Thomas delivered an energetic presentation on how staying motivated can help business owners take their companies to the next level.

With the dynamic speakers present and a wealth of information provided, our 35th Annual Conference proved to be a success once again. The OBD appreciates the outpouring of support for the conference, and are already working to make next year’s conference even better.
To find construction project work classification details, go to www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe

- Select Letting (from drop-down menu)
- Select Letting Date
- Click “Go”
- To identify potential prime contractors, check the Eligible Bidders list before submitting a bid.

DBE Website: www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe

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Friday, May 1, MDOT Letting:

Just a few of the projects scheduled for this bid letting:

- 73404-120715 - Saginaw County - 7%
- 23455-126356 - Eaton County - 7%
- 82457-126769 - Wayne County - 9%
- 52032-118774 - Marquette County - 2%
- 36071-116742 - Iron County - 3%
- 17419-117228 - Chippewa County - 3%
- 25049-122754 - Genesee County - 5%
- 13038-122808 - Calhoun County - 7%
- 63459-126956 - Oakland County - 7%
- 41481-124559 - Kent County - 5%
- 64127-122239 - Oceana County - 6%
- 70439-124398 - Ottawa County - 4%
- 11400-124639 - Berrien County - 8%

To view all projects on the May letting schedule:

Congratulations to Award Recipients!

Congratulations to Tiffany Hart of Hart & Associates Construction, who has been named a Michigan Women’s Marketplace Outstanding Achiever.


Direct questions to: 866-DBE-1264 (Lansing)