



# The BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTER

A newsletter for MDOT-certified firms and program stakeholders

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- MDOT Leader Greg Johnson Accepts Position with Maryland Department of Transportation
- DBE Workshops Set for September
- August MDOT Bid Letting Highlighted Projects

### MDOT Leader Greg Johnson Accepts Position with Maryland Department of Transportation

We would like to congratulate and bid farewell to Greg Johnson, MDOT chief operations officer, after being named state highway administrator for the Maryland Department of Transportation. As sad as it is to see him go, we wish him nothing but the best as he begins this new chapter in his life.

Johnson has been a trusted leader at MDOT for 25 years. Throughout his time here, he has served as a DBE liaison officer and has been active in several national committees on DBE issues. His innovative approach to highway project delivery has played a key role in MDOT's forward thinking over the years, and we have been very fortunate to have him as an advocate for developing partnerships with DBEs. "From paperless construction and construction manager/general contractor delivery to design-build and innovative bidding methods, Greg has been a leader in embracing and encouraging new ways of thinking and doing" says MDOT Director Kirk Steudle.



Beginning Sept. 16, Johnson will report to Maryland Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn and oversee some 3,000 employees and more than 16,000 miles of roads under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Highway Administration. His successor here at MDOT will be named within the next month, and we will be sure to keep you informed of any updates as they develop.

#### MDOT MISSION STATEMENT:

*Providing the highest quality integrated transportation services for economic benefit and improved quality of life.*



### Electronic Signature Reminder

Beginning Oct. 1, all contractors will be required to electronically sign project documents. To find out how, visit [www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot\\_Setting\\_Up\\_an\\_Electronic\\_Signature\\_422066\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot_Setting_Up_an_Electronic_Signature_422066_7.pdf).

## DBE Workshops Set for September

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

**Orientation 101: DBE Orientation:** 9 a.m. - noon

*(Owners of new and recertifying DBEs must attend DBE Orientation.)*

**Project Management - An Overview: Estimating to Close-Out:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Labor Compliance Software Training (LCPTracker):** 1 - 4 p.m.

### Thursday, Sept. 10

**Certification/Prequalification and Contracting 101:** 9 a.m. - noon

**Wage and Labor Compliance Payroll Preparation:** 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Year-End Accounting for Small Contractors:** 1 - 4 p.m.

All workshops are sponsored by MDOT and will take place at the Traverse City Holiday Inn, 615 E. Front St., Traverse City. For more information or to register, please contact JoAnn Harris at 517-73-3282 or harrisj@michigan.gov.

### Friday, Aug. 7, MDOT Letting:

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

- 82457-126212-2 - Wayne County - 8%
- 81900-124942 - Washtenaw County - 7%
- 34609-120521-2 - Ionia County - 4%
- 70609-123791 - Ottawa County - 3%
- 54436-126188 - Mecosta County - 3%
- 03072-123525 - Allegan County - 3%
- 39900-125851 - Kalamazoo County - 3%
- 20022-119151 - Crawford County - 3%

### Small Business Program Projects:

- 58416-126601 - Monroe County
- 41401-127064 - Kent County

### FTA Contracting

**Bus transit and planning agencies post bid opportunities at:**  
[www.michigan.gov/mucp](http://www.michigan.gov/mucp)  
 Notices are posted as needed, so check often!

**Questions regarding the M-1 RAIL Project? Contact:**

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[m-1rail.com](http://m-1rail.com)

**To view all projects on the August letting schedule:**

**DBE Website:** [www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe](http://www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe)

To find construction project work classification details, go to [www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe](http://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.*

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