

The BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTER

A newsletter for MDOT-certified firms and program stakeholders

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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MDOT MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Detroit Students Attend Fifth Annual Construction Science Expo

On Tuesday, May 19, more than 800 intercity Detroit middle and high school students attended the 2015 Construction Science Expo. Students from more than 17 Detroit schools arrived at 10 a.m. for a day of motivation and activities held at the Detroit Science Center. The event was not a job fair, but instead an industry-driven showcase for students to experience hands-on, career-inspiring activities.



Students visited engineering exhibits and had the opportunity to experience skilled trades while operating construction vehicles, drills, and other machines and tools. In addition to the activities for the day, these students were able to interact with expo sponsors, exhibitors, and others to learn about their jobs in the construction industry. This was the fifth year of the event put on by several businesses, with MDOT being a major sponsor for the event.

Introducing Janie Gallimore as our Executive Assistant

Please join us in welcoming Janie Gallimore as our executive assistant to Lisa Thompson. Janie joined us on June 22, and brings 15 years of administrative assistant experience with her to the position. She has already been a great addition to our team and we are excited to have her on board!

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

Bonding and Education Program to Hold Informational Meeting

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Surety and Fidelity Association of America (SFAA), and the Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA), presents the 2015 Bonding and Education Program (BEP). The purpose of the BEP is to help firms in the transportation industry obtain/increase their bonding capacity and access to capital. Many small businesses face difficulty in accessing sufficient bonding and financing to grow their business. The USDOT's BEP is designed to provide small and disadvantaged businesses with the tools and resources required to compete for transportation projects. This informational meeting will be beneficial to business owners looking to learn more about the BEP Program. **It will be held on Wednesday, July 15, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Detroit Operations and Service Center (1060 West Fort St., Fisher Conference Room – Second Floor, Detroit).** For more information on how to register, please contact Ann Williams at williamsa3@michigan.gov or call 313-965-2315.

Friday, July 10, MDOT Letting:

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

47469-127199 - Livingston County - 7%
 41481-124556-2 - Kent County - 6%
 22011-126988 - Dickinson County - 2%
 73404-126572 - Saginaw County - 6%
 63459-127616 - Oakland County - 5%
 33403-126804 - Ingham County - 5%
 61121-119737 - Muskegon County - 4%
 15555-119358 - Charlevoix County - 5%
 79555-119034 - Tuscola County - 3%

Small Business Program Projects:

09408-125078 - Bay County

FTA Contracting

Bus transit and planning agencies post bid opportunities at:

www.michigan.gov/mucp

Notices are posted as needed, so check often!

Questions regarding the M-1 RAIL Project? Contact:

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To view all projects on the July letting schedule:

DBE Website: www.michigan.gov/mdotdbe

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.*

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