



DBE CONTRACTING UPDATE

News for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms and stakeholders
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Events highlight future labor issues on I-94 corridor

As the planning process moves forward on the I-94 North-South Corridor, the Wisconsin DOT is working with local agencies to prepare the community for future job opportunities associated with the future work. The department wants to ensure that local residents have the skills and other necessary elements to compete for potential jobs.

The department recently sponsored two local events to help introduce the project and key labor issues to the local community..

Kenosha partnership event highlights local agencies

On August 18, WisDOT joined more than 20 local service, faith-based and community based agencies to learn more about the I-94 project and potential job and job training opportunities. While the I-94 North-South Corridor served as the focus for the day, the event provided more than 100 participants with the chance to learn of a number of job-related and economic support agencies in the Kenosha community. The event took place at Gateway Technical College in Kenosha.

Sturtevant panel examines driver license issues

On August 20, WisDOT convened a panel of local judges and other community leaders at the CATI Center in Sturtevant to discuss a specific aspect of job growth in the area, namely the need for residents to have valid driver licenses. As WisDOT Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony noted in his opening remarks, a valid driver license is a key to economic security and social independence. Unfortunately, a large portion of the population in urban communities do not have valid licenses, many times for circumstances unrelated to safe driving records.

WisDOT's Division of Motor Vehicles has already developed partnerships with courts and agencies in the Milwaukee area to help area residents restore their driver licenses and eliminate this barrier to employment. As the I-94 North-South Corridor project moves ahead in Racine and Kenosha counties, the department will also work in concert with local agencies to help potential workers obtain valid licenses to help them gain access to potential construction or other jobs.

WisDOT meets MBE goal for 2007 general purchasing

Based on preliminary data, WisDOT achieved a 5.71% spending level with certified minority business enterprise (MBE) firms for the agency's general purchasing in FY 2007. This is at least the fifth straight year that WisDOT has met the statutory procurement goal of 5% for MBE purchasing. In FY 2007 (ending June 30, 2007), the agency spent just under \$3.0 million through MBE firms on general purchasing items such as office supplies, information technology services, uniforms, travel arrangements and road salt.

More information about WisDOT's MBE purchasing program is on the Internet at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/mbel/index.htm.



From left, Rep. Robert Turner, WisDOT Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony, Jr., and Rep. Cory Mason gather at the Kenosha labor partnership event on August 18

AASHTO Annual Conference headed to Milwaukee

More than a thousand transportation officials and stakeholders from around the nation will gather in Milwaukee at the end of September for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The gathering will take place from September 27 through October 1 at the Midwest Airlines Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee, with the Hilton Milwaukee City Center serving as hotel headquarters for the event.

AASHTO is a nonprofit association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. It represents air, highways, public transportation, rail, and water modes. Its primary goal is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system.

AASHTO 2007 will feature a variety of speakers, committee meetings, research presentations, technical tours and other activities to highlight key issues in transportation. Highlighting the conference is a plenary session on the morning of September 30 with US DOT Secretary Mary Peters (invited), WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi and Marquette University President Father Wild all slated to speak. A special guest that morning will be "Bill Nye the Science Guy" who will address the conference.

Deputy Secretary Anthony to address AASHTO Civil Rights Subcommittee

WisDOT Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony will address a meeting of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Civil Rights on September 28. The mission of the subcommittee is to provide policy and technical support to member departments to integrate Equal Opportunity goals and objectives into all transportation decisions and activities. Deputy Secretary Anthony will talk about the success of WisDOT's DBE and minority labor efforts on the Marquette Interchange project and how the department is working to extend these efforts to other upcoming projects throughout the state.

For more information and registration materials for AASHTO 2007, visit the conference Web site at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/aashto-index.htm.

Marketplace Conference nears

Marketplace, the 26th Annual Governor's Conference on Minority Business Development, will take place on Thursday, October 11, at the Ho-Chunk Hotel and Convention Center in Baraboo.

Marketplace is a prime minority business enterprise capacity building conference and provides excellent opportunities for networking and professional development. The event will feature seminars and updates on state purchasing opportunities and minority business development issues.

This year's keynote speaker is Dave Anderson, founder of Famous Dave's of America restaurants. Mr. Anderson is a native of Wisconsin and is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Superior Band of Ojibwa and Choctaw Nations.

The conference will also feature the 2007 Wisconsin Minority Business Awards: Outstanding Minority Business Award (for established companies), Rising Star Award (for emerging companies) and the Good Citizen Award (for contributions to society).

Information and on-line registration for Marketplace is on the Web at <http://marketplace.wi.gov/> or by calling the Wisconsin Department of Commerce at (608) 266-9467.

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Stats line - a look at the numbers on key projects

The *DBE Contracting Update* continues to track DBE contracting and labor data from several high profile projects. Projects may be added or removed from this feature over time as they progress from planning to completion.

Marquette Interchange project
Milwaukee County
www.mchange.org



Contracted dollars
Total - \$616.4 million
DBE - \$117.3 million
DBE share - 19.0%

Dollars expended
Total - \$521.1 million
DBE - \$93.6 million
DBE share - 18.0%

Labor hours worked
Total - 1,872,352 hours
Minority - 404,891 hours
Minority share - 21.6%
Women - 59,535
Women share - 3.2%

Notes:

- All data current through July 31, 2007.
- Data for contracted and expended dollars includes design consultant, construction and construction administration activities.
- Labor hours worked is for construction only.

I-94 North/South Corridor study
Kenosha, Racine & Milwaukee counties
www.seffreeways.org



Contracted dollars
Total - \$18.2 million
DBE - \$4.7 million
DBE share - 25.6%

Dollars expended
Total - \$9.7 million
DBE - \$2.7 million
DBE share - 27.6%

Notes:

- All data current through June 30, 2007.
- Data includes consultant work for design and environmental study activities.

Milwaukee Intermodal Station
Milwaukee County
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/amtrak-term.htm



Contracted dollars
Total - \$12.6 million
DBE - \$3.3 million
DBE share - 26.0%

Dollars expended
Total - \$6.1 million
DBE - \$1.5 million
DBE share - 23.8%

Labor hours worked
Total - 45,899 hours
Minority - 6,026 hours
Minority share - 13.1%
Women - 422
Women share - 0.9%

Notes:

- All data current through August 15, 2007
- Data for contracted and expended dollars includes construction and construction management activities.
- Labor hours worked is for construction only.

US 41 expansion projects
Brown & Winnebago counties
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/index.htm
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/brown-index.htm



Contracted dollars
Total - \$22.0 million
DBE - \$4.1 million
DBE share - 18.7%

Dollars expended
Total - \$8.5 million
DBE - \$1.2 million
DBE share - 14.0%

Notes:

- All data current through July 31, 2007
- Data includes consultant work for design activities.

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Upcoming events

October 11

Marketplace Conference
Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo
<http://marketplace.wi.gov>

December 13

WisDOT Annual DBE Conference & Awards
Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee

Useful WisDOT Web sites

Highway Construction Contract Information
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/bid-letting-information.htm

WisDOT DBE program
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/dbe-main.htm

WisDOT MBE program
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/mbel/index.htm

