



# DBE CONTRACTING UPDATE

*News for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms and stakeholders*

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## Marquette Interchange payments to DBE firms top \$100 million mark

At this month's 22nd Annual DBE Conference and Golden Shovel Awards Reception, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation announced that the Marquette Interchange Project has achieved a \$100 million threshold in actual payments to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) consultants and contractors.

"Since we started planning and construction on the Marquette Interchange Project, we have stated that this project will be built with the involvement of the entire Milwaukee community," stated WisDOT Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony, Jr. "We made a commitment that the dollars invested in the Marquette Interchange should benefit those neighborhoods, workers and businesses that are close to the project. This milestone of \$100 million spent with minority and women-owned firms shows that we are living up to our commitments and truly investing in the regional economy."



Since the start of the Marquette Interchange planning and design processes, and continuing through construction, DBE firms have now earned \$100.6 million in actual payments as of October 15, 2007. These payments represent 18.3% of all dollars paid to-date on the project. DBE firms are also under contract to receive a total of at least \$122.8 million by the end of the project, or nearly 20% of all contracted dollars. The Marquette Interchange Project is expected to be fully open to traffic by the end of 2008.

In all, 74 different DBE consultants and contractors have participated on the Marquette Interchange Project in the planning, design and construction phases. Of these, 62 firms are based in southeast Wisconsin, including 41 firms headquartered in Milwaukee County. In remarks at the evening awards reception, WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi noted the importance of building up the local DBE consulting and contracting community in order to support future projects in southeast Wisconsin.

"The Marquette Interchange is just the first step in rebuilding the entire southeast freeway system, and we're going to need a tremendous amount of consulting expertise and contractor capacity to tackle upcoming projects like the US 41 expansions in northeast Wisconsin, I-94 North-South Corridor and the Zoo Interchange," stated the Secretary. "With so many local DBE firms getting a taste of this monumental project in Milwaukee, they will gain valuable experience to be able to compete on many different infrastructure projects around the state."

Deputy Secretary Anthony noted that minority workers have filled about 21% of all construction hours on the Marquette Interchange. Out of more than two million work hours, minority workers have filled 433,904 hours through October 31, 2007.

Deputy Secretary Anthony recognized State Senator Spencer Cogg's (D-Milwaukee) and State Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) for their efforts in supporting the DBE and labor efforts on the Marquette Interchange. Senator Cogg's chairs an advisory committee that focuses on DBE business goals and achievements, capacity development and overall business support for the project. Senator Taylor leads a committee examining the labor issues for the project.

## Milwaukee Intermodal Station opens with strong contributions from DBE firms

Governor Jim Doyle, Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett joined with other dignitaries to open the newly renovated Milwaukee Intermodal Station on November 26. The station is expected to serve a combined 1.3 million passengers each year from Amtrak trains and Greyhound and regional bus carriers.

The 65,000 square foot building features a new glass atrium and entrance on St. Paul Avenue, along with a 270-car parking lot to the west. There are retail and commercial leasing opportunities on the first and second floors. The third floor houses WisDOT's new Statewide Traffic Operations Center.

The station originally opened in 1965 as the Milwaukee Road depot, then began serving Amtrak trains in 1971. In 2001, the state of Wisconsin purchased the building and signed a contract in 2003 with Milwaukee Intermodal Partners to renovate and manage the property. The completed renovation involves funding and partnerships from the federal government, state government, city of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Intermodal Partners. CG Schmidt, Incorporated, was the prime contractor.

### **DBE share stands at 32%**

DBE firms have earned 32% of construction contracts on the Milwaukee Intermodal Station to-date, including the additional costs to construct the Statewide Traffic Operations Center. In all, 22 different DBE subcontractors have earned work on the project. The project has also achieved a 12.9% minority labor share of work hours.



From left, Congresswoman Gwendolynne Moore, Senator Herb Kohl, Governor Jim Doyle and Mayor Tom Barrett cut the ribbon at the Milwaukee Intermodal Station



(Above) Workers from Belonger Corporation attend to tasks during construction on the Milwaukee Intermodal Station.

(Below) Employees of the Joe Nevels Landscape Company work near the new 270-car parking lot outside the station



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[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news/newsletters.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news/newsletters.htm)

# 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](http://www.mchange.org)



Contracted dollars  
Total - \$624.7 million  
DBE - \$122.8 million  
DBE share - 19.7%

Dollars expended  
Total - \$550.4 million  
DBE - \$100.6 million  
DBE share - 18.3%

Labor hours worked  
Total - 2,024,993 hours  
Minority - 433,904 hours  
Minority share - 21.4%  
Women - 63,919  
Women share - 3.2%

Notes:

- Contracting data current through October 15, 2007.
- Labor data current through October 31, 2007.
- Data for contracted and expended dollars includes design consultant, construction and construction administration activities.
- Labor hours worked are for construction only.

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US 41 expansion projects  
Brown & Winnebago counties  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/index.htm)  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/brown-index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us41expansion/brown-index.htm)



Contracted dollars  
Total - \$22.7 million  
DBE - \$4.1 million  
DBE share - 18.1%

Dollars expended  
Total - \$9.0 million  
DBE - \$1.4 million  
DBE share - 15.0%

Notes:

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

I-94 North/South Corridor study  
Kenosha, Racine & Milwaukee counties  
[www.seffreeways.org](http://www.seffreeways.org)



Contracted dollars  
Total - \$18.1 million  
DBE - \$4.9 million  
DBE share - 27.1%

Dollars expended  
Total - \$13.6 million  
DBE - \$3.5 million  
DBE share - 25.8%

Notes:

- All data current through November 30, 2007.
- Data includes consultant work for design and environmental study activities.
- Total contracted dollar amount includes a correction from previous months' data.

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Milwaukee Intermodal Station  
Milwaukee County  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/amtrak-term.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/amtrak-term.htm)



Contracted dollars  
Total - \$15.4 million  
DBE - \$4.9 million  
DBE share - 32.0%

Dollars expended  
Total - \$10.3 million  
DBE - \$3.0 million  
DBE share - 29.0%

Labor hours worked  
Total - 72,925 hours  
Minority - 10,210 hours  
Minority share - 14.0%  
Women - 737  
Women share - 1.0%

Notes:

- All data current through October 31, 2007.
- Data for contracted and expended dollars includes construction and construction management activities.
- Labor hours worked are for construction only.

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## DBE CONTRACTING UPDATE

### **Notice - print newsletters to be phased out in 2008**

In 2008, the DBE Contracting Update newsletter will change to an exclusively electronic format to allow for faster distribution, lower production costs and more flexibility in graphics and text. The print version of the newsletter will be discontinued sometime in the spring.

WisDOT already distributes this newsletter via e-mail to 88% of recipients. It is also available on the Web at [www.mchange.org](http://www.mchange.org). While there will be additional notices in coming editions, if you are not already receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to [daniel.yeh@dot.state.wi.us](mailto:daniel.yeh@dot.state.wi.us).

### **Useful WisDOT Web sites**

Highway Construction Contract Information  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/bid-letting-information.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/bid-letting-information.htm)

WisDOT DBE program  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/dbe-main.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/engrserv/dbe-main.htm)

WisDOT MBE program  
[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/mbel/index.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/business/mbel/index.htm)

