



DBE CONTRACTING UPDATE

News for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms and stakeholders

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Partnership efforts between WisDOT and tribes continue

A recent consultation with top tribal leaders and an upcoming meeting on business capacity building are just two examples of recent partnership efforts between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin's Native American community. WisDOT's overall goal is to build partnership and stakeholder alliances focusing on Wisconsin's eleven tribal nations as transportation partners.

Tribal consultation meeting builds on formal partnership agreement

On October 15, 2007, WisDOT hosted its second tribal consultation meeting, with representation from Wisconsin's tribal nations, the Federal Highway Administration, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin (AICCW) and the UW Law School / Great Lakes Indian Law Center.

WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi talked about some of the innovative partnerships between the tribes and the department:

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer project to review WisDOT procedures in the areas of cultural, historic and archeological preservation;
- Training provided by the Great Lakes Indian Law Center to help WisDOT staff better understand Indian legal issues;
- The first tribal transportation conference, held this past April in Green Bay with more than 200 attending workshops on business development, cultural issues and other programs; and
- The creation of an American Indian Business Capacity Project to identify and assist Native American firms to become DBE certified, have greater opportunity for transportation jobs, and achieve overall growth.



Tribal leaders, stakeholders and representatives from FHWA joined WisDOT management and staff at the October 15 tribal consultation

Business capacity project to host training session

The business capacity project is a special partnership between WisDOT, AICCW and the Great Lakes Indian Law Center. On December 6, the project will host the second in a series of training sessions targeted to American Indian businesses to learn more about doing business on state transportation projects. The training sessions will cover requirements for DBE certification, contracting and bidding procedures for state projects, and issues of bonding and business development in the construction and trades industries. WisDOT will provide an update on potential contracting opportunities on the US 41 expansion projects in Brown and Winnebago counties.

The event will take place on Thursday, December 6, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay. The event is sponsored by AICCW, First American Capital Corporation, the American Indian Construction & Trades Association, the Oneida Nation and the Oneida Seven Generations Corporation. For more information or to register for the event, contact Alyssa Macy of the AICCW at (414) 604-2044 or by e-mail at alyssa@aiccw.org.

For more information on other WisDOT tribal initiatives, contact Tribal Liaison Gwen Carr at (608) 267-6693 or visit www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/aid/tribal-affairs.htm.

DBE annual conference and awards banquet set for December 13

DBE firms, prime contractors and other interested stakeholders are invited to join WisDOT on December 13th at the 22nd annual DBE Workshop and Golden Shovel Awards ceremony. This year's event will be held at the Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center in Pewaukee.

WisDOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi and Deputy Secretary Ruben Anthony, Jr. are scheduled to speak at the event. The keynote speaker at the awards reception will be Dr. Carl Grant, Hoefs-Bascom Professor of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Grant has authored several publications on multicultural education and will speak on the history of civil rights in this nation in a presentation titled, "Civil Rights, Then and Now ... From Civil Rights to Silver Rights."

This year's event will include some unique activities and sessions:

- The morning will feature breakout sessions for contractors and consultants. The sessions will include panels to discuss key issues for each industry along with speed networking sessions for prime and DBE consultants.
- The afternoon schedule will include training sessions targeted to new businesses and existing DBE firms looking to further develop their business expertise.
- There will be updates on key WisDOT projects and initiatives, including the I-94 North-South Corridor, the Zoo Interchange study and the US 41 expansion projects. A session will discuss special features and contracting opportunities for roundabouts.
- The 22nd Annual Golden Shovel Awards will be presented at a late afternoon reception with Secretary Busalacchi.

The registration fee for the conference is \$53, including lunch and the awards reception. For more information or to register for the event, call Lakeia Cobbs of WisDOT at (414) 438-4583, or send an e-mail to lakeia.cobbs@dot.state.wi.us.

I-94 North-South Corridor plans set for public hearings

WisDOT recently unveiled a \$1.9 billion safety reconstruction plan for 2009 through 2016 for the I-94 North-South Corridor in Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee counties. Department staff are working with local leaders to maximize contracting and consulting opportunities for DBE firms and to ensure that local workers have opportunities to participate on the project. Already, the project has achieved a 25% share for DBE firms on study and design elements.

The public and all interested stakeholders can review the plans for the corridor at a series of public meetings scheduled in December:

- December 3, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
West Middle School, Oak Creek
- December 6, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Mahone Middle School, Kenosha
- December 11, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
CATI Center, Sturtevant
- December 12, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Best Western Airport Hotel, Milwaukee

For more information about the project or the public meetings, visit www.sefrefreeways.org.

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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 - \$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.

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 - \$22.7 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



Contracted dollars
Total - \$19.2 million
DBE - \$4.9 million
DBE share - 25.4%

Dollars expended
Total - \$12.4 million
DBE - \$3.3 million
DBE share - 26.3%

Notes:

- All data current through October 31, 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 - \$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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Upcoming events

December 6

American Indian Business Capacity Project training
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay

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

