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APPRECIATION

I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of you for your patience during what has not been an easy time as it has been full of change and uncertainty.

We have had new forms, different reporting procedures and of course the biggest issue, the change to a Race Neutral Program within the MDT DBE Program.

My absence from the office for most of the last two months has not made things any easier for any of you, and I thank you for your understanding.

We are moving along in our process to have a Disparity/Availability study done. As I have more

information on where we are at and what sort of time frame we are looking at, I will share the information with you. You are always welcome to call me anytime as well.

Summer is almost here, and construction season here in Montana has begun. Good luck to all and remember, "Safety First."

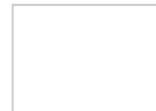
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WAY TO GO!

Pavement Maintenance Solutions	21.70%
Great Falls-Vaughn, Pondera County	DBE Participation
Montana Lines, Inc.	100.00%
2001 Electrical Jct Project	DBE Participation

For MDT April 27, 2006 Highway Construction Bid Letting, these contractors achieved DBE participation over the DBE program goal.

MDT DBE Goal Participation

FFY 2006 DBE Program Goal = 5.11%
DBE Participation = 8.13%



Management Training Reimbursement Program for Montana DBE Companies

- ✓ As a Montana business certified in the Montana Department of Transportation DBE Program as **high-way related**, you are eligible to receive management training reimbursement funds totaling \$500 during the calendar year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. DBE businesses with the home state not being Montana are on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ Funds are available for training for key personnel or owners only. Training may include: supervisory, management, business, specific industry, or other training.
- ✓ Training registration fees are reimbursed at 100% of eligible expense up to the maximum \$500 and travel to workshops is reimbursed at 75% of expenses using state travel per diem rates.
- ✓ Call the DBE Supportive Services at 800-883-5811 for more information. The Reimbursement form is available on MDT's website at www.mdt.mt.gov

MDT Highway Construction Projects Awarded May 10, 2006 DBE participation as shown on the Statement of Participation (SOP)

Project Number	Prime Contractor	Low \$ Bid Amount	DBE Participation	
			\$ Amount	%
NH 37-1(29)19 West of Busby, NH 37-1(34)22 Busby - East & West, STPS 416-1(12)9 JCT.SEC.-418 West	Riverside Contracting, Inc.	\$3,362,963.08		
NH 101-1(2)0 3rd St NW-Great Falls, NH 102-1(2)8 57th-2nd Ave N/10th Ave, CM 5299(60) Sidewalks - Gt Falls	United Materials of Great Falls	\$2,282,744.96	\$27,745.00	1.22%
IM 15-5(111)282 Great Falls - Vaughn, IM 15-7(31)343 Pondera County Line S South	Pavement Maintenance Solutions	\$1,299,899.92	\$283,035.00	21.70%
STPU 5201(16) 6th St NW-16th to Smelter - Gt Falls	United Materials of Great Falls	\$1,237,968.62	\$32,181.00	2.60%
NH 104-1(2)1 Old Havre Highway From Smelter Avenue to 15th St NE- Great Falls, 10th St. N - Grt Falls	United Materials of Great Falls	\$452,336.60	\$13,745.00	3.04%
IM 15-2(86)128 Sprinkler-Harrison Intch-Butte	Becker Landscaping & Design	\$169,458.84		
STPHS 14-1(19)2 2001-Turn Bay-E of Townsend		NOT AWARDED		
STPHS 60-2(68)87 2001-Electrical-Jct Sec 227	Montana Lines, Inc.	\$44,978.50	\$44,978.50	100.00%
IM 90-1(142)2 St Regis - East & West		NOT AWARDED		
Total of all Federal-aid Projects for April 27, 2006 MDT Bid Letting		\$8,850,350.52	\$401,684.50	4.54%

MT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **G & M Pits & Reservoirs, Montana, ESQ060015**, Construct 6 pits and 5 reservoirs in Garfield and McCone County. BLM Montana State Office, Bid Due Date: May 25, 2006, 406-896-5195, Charlene Gunther
- ▶ **Manhattan Wastewater Treatment Plant**, Construction of a mechanical wastewater treatment plant including access road and sewer main extension. Bid Due Date: May 25, 2006. Stahly Engineering & Associates 406-442-8594.
- ▶ **Sugar Factory Improvements, Hardin, MT**, Excavation and embankment for road construction, combined curb and gutter, asphalt and concrete street paving, dry water main and sewer main installation, storm drainage mains and containment pond, and lighting. Bid Due Date: May 25, 2006. Interstate Engineering, Inc. 406-256-1920.
- ▶ **Gallatin County Solid Waste District Scale Site Improvements**, Logan, MT. Construction of a new scale site north of the existing scale site, constructing two scales, and inbound and outbound scale, installing an approach and exit concrete apron, constructing a foundation for a scale house, connecting to a water well, installing a septic tank, widening the access road, constructing a drainage ditch, electrical and installing a new fence. Bid Due Date: May 24, 2006. Great West Engineering, 406-449-8627.
- ▶ **Upper Ten Mile Creek Mining Area Site**, Helena, MT. Road maintenance, dust & traffic control, mine waste repository operation, residential yards remediation, excavation and hauling. Bid Due Date: May 23, 2006. CDM Federal Program Corporation, 703-968-0900
- ▶ **Airfield Concrete Ramp Joint Repair** for Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana. Bid Due Date: May 23, 2006, <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>
- ▶ **Restriping Airfield Markings (Runways and Taxiways)** for three years for Billings Logan International Airport, Billings, Montana, Bid Due Date: May 23, 2006, <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>
- ▶ **Terrace Estates Subdivision**, 3rd Filing, Drainage Improvements, Billings, MT. Bid Due Date: May 23, 2006, <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>
- ▶ **Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Rehabilitation**, Billings, MT. Bid Due Date: June 16, 2006, <http://ci.billings.mt.us/Online/rfp.php>
- ▶ **Taylor Peak Piling and Scarification**, 065430 CSW, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Bid Due Date: June 7, 2006, <http://mt.gov/dnrc/biddocs/065430.doc>
- ▶ **Burton Park Bear Gulch Trail Construction**, National Forest, Dillon, MT, Presolicitation Notice, 6.5 mile of trail construction. 406-683-3844 Lisa Rakich. <http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/FS/0356/AG%2D0356%2DS%2D06%2D0009/listing.html>
- ▶ **Dry Wolf Stream Restoration**, AG-03K0-S-06-0008, Lewis & Clark National Forest, Bid Due Date: May 31, 2006, Removing twenty three gabions, installing five rock cross vanes, installing four log spurs and excavation work, 406-791-7715, Jane Ottenheimer, <http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/FS/03K0/AG%2D03K0%2DS%2D06%2D0008/listing.html>
- ▶ **Construct three (3) livestock pipelines on BLM Property**, ESQ060102, BLM Montana, Bid Due Date: June 9, 2006, Garfield County, Montana, <http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DOI/BLM/MT/ESQ060102/listing.html>

INVITATION FOR BIDS LETTING OF MAY 25, 2006

Sealed bids on the following projects will be received by the Montana Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Bureau, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, Montana until 9:00 a.m. on May 25, 2006, the bids being publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00 a.m. in the Department's auditorium. Bid proposals, plans, cross-sections, dirt runs & erosion control plans if available, and full instructions to bidders are on file for examination and may be obtained from the Contract Plans Bureau. These documents may be requested by FAX (406)444-7236 (see enclosed order form), by mail, or by calling (406)444-6216, 6212, 6215 or TTY 444-7696. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises' contract goal for all projects listed below is **0.0%**.

1. **WEST LAUREL INTERCHANGE, IM-STPHS 90-8(154)433** Bridge rehabilitation and approach work on the West Laurel Interchange project in Yellowstone County. The project is located on Interstate 90 in the City of Laurel at the West Laurel Interchange (RP 433.0) and the Laurel Interchange (RP 434.0).
2. **JCT US 93 - JCT US 2, SFCS 548-1(9)4** Overlay, seal & cover, sidewalks, guardrail, pavement markings, and traffic signals on the Jct US 93-Jct US 2 project in Flathead County. The project begins at RP 4.0 on Reserve Drive at National Highway Route 5/US 93 and extends east approximately 4.0 kilometers to RP 6.5 at LaSalle Road/US 2.
3. **H ST. - PARK TO BUTTE – LIVINGSTON, STPU 7409(2)** Grade, gravel, plant mix surfacing, storm drain, curb and gutter and sidewalks on the H Street - Park to Butte - Livingston project in Park County. The project is located in the City of Livingston on Urban Route 7409 beginning at the intersection with Butte Street and continuing north 0.7 kilometers to the intersection with Park Street.
4. **SIDEWALKS - FOX FARM / PARK GARDEN, CM 5299(71)** Installation of new sidewalks, curb and gutter on the Sidewalks - Fox Farm/Garden Park project located within the Great Falls urban limits in Cascade County. The project begins at the intersection of Fox Farm Road and 18th Avenue SW and extends to the intersection of Fox Farm Road and Garden Road. The project continues on Garden Road to the intersection with Linden Drive.
5. **DEER LODGE – WEST, STPS 272-1(8)0** The Deer Lodge - West project consists of a seal and cover of 2.1 miles of Secondary Route 272 in Powell County. The project is located on Secondary 272 (Milwaukee Ave.) beginning at Reference Post 0.0 in Deer Lodge and proceeds west 2.1 miles to Reference Post 2.1.

SBA SCORE Business Toolbox

www.score.org/business_toolbox

Knowledge

is power,

*Power is
knowledge...*

Check out this web site for your business. The site has business plan and financial templates, links to top small business web sites, sample business plans, six online business workshops, quizzes to help you learn your business style and traits, finan-

cial benchmarking tool to help you track the financial health of your company, and online IRS tax workshops.

[The web site has many helpful articles and information for your business.](http://www.score.org/business_toolbox)

Live Auction of State Surplus Property Postponed Until Fall

The State Surplus Property program in Helena will not be hosting the usual live auction of surplus state property this spring, typically held the 3rd weekend in May. However, the public is invited to bid on state surplus property available through an on-line auction service at www.publicsurplus.com <<http://www.publicsurplus.com>> until the next live auction of items in the fall of 2006.

Although still in a pilot stage, State surplus property including used vehicles, riding mowers, office equipment and heavy equipment will be listed on this on-line site. Items will continuously be added to the auction site as they become available.

Selling State surplus items electronically was an idea submitted by a state employee to the Governor's Office through his "Good Ideas" program.

To use this on-line auction site, interested citizens should go to this site, register as a user, then browse to the Montana region and then select items under the "State of Montana Property and Supply Bureau."

Buyers are responsible for pick-up or shipping of all purchased items.

The public can still attend monthly "garage sales" of State surplus property held in Helena on the second Friday of every month to purchase items not listed on the on-line auction site. In addition, the public is invited to attend a live auction of state surplus property planned for the fall of 2006.

For more information about the on-line auction process or garage sales, contact the State Property and Supply office at (406) 495-6017.

National Transportation Week May 13-19, 2006

Interesting Transportation Facts

- ✓ There are nearly 4 million miles of roads in the United States, enough to circle the globe about 160 times, go to the moon and back more than 8 times, or take 800 round trips between New York and Los Angeles.
- ✓ As late of 1913, Alabama required each of its citizens to work 10 days a year maintaining the state's highways. Affluent folk could buy their way out of the forced labor by paying a five-dollar tax.
- ✓ In 1893, Massachusetts created the first state highway department - a three-man commission charged with linking the state's major cities.
- ✓ Nearly 25 percent of the 54,663 bridges on the Interstate System were built over the five year period 1965-1969. Go to www.ntweek.org to see other facts & information on the National Transportation Week website.
- ✓ Construction of the U.S. Interstate Highway System was the largest earth-moving project in the history of the world. Nearly 42 billion cubic yards of earth were moved. In comparison, "only" 362 million cubic yards were moved during construction of the Panama Canal.
- ✓ In 1796, the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike in Pennsylvania became the country's first financially successful toll road.
- ✓ The first street in the U.S. paved with asphalt was New York's Fifth Avenue in 1872.

MONTANA DBE COMPANY MONTHLY UPDATE

Newly Certified DBE Companies

Wells Technology, Inc.	Bemidji	MN	Tool & Const. Supplies Manufacturer
This Old House Cleaning Service, LLC	East Helena	MT	Hazardous Waste Removal, Janitorial Services
Building Better Workplaces	Helena	MT	Planners, Other Professional Services
Olson Communications	Billings	MT	Business Management, Project Management

Re-Certified DBE Companies

Anderson Highway Signs & Supply Inc.	Mills	WY	Sign Manufacturer and Supplier
B & B Diversified Materials	Sunriver	OR	Construction & Tool Supplier
B Fritch Trucking	Pocatello	ID	Trucking
Current Transportation Solutions, Inc.	Bozeman	MT	Transportation Technical/Professional
E 2 Concrete Construction	Miles City	MT	Concrete & Construction Work
Eclipse Traffic Control & Flagging Co	Coeur D'Alene	ID	Traffic Control
Empire Lath & Plaster Inc.	Billings	MT	Specialty Trades
Garcia and Associates	San Anselmo	CA	Biological/Ecological/Environmental
Hand-D-Powerwash & Water Truck Services	Stevensville	MT	Trucking
Highway Specialties, Inc.	Black Eagle	MT	Signs, Traffic Control, Guard Rail
Hyalite Environmental, LLP	Gallatin Gateway	MT	Analysis/Research/Environmental
K M Construction Company Inc.	Bozeman	MT	Excavating, Drainage, Sewer Systems
Looking Glass Printing, Inc.	Florence	MT	Safety Equipment Supplier, Engraving
Lynda Friesz Public Relations	Boise	ID	Education, Training Services
Mann Trucking	Dickinson	ND	Trucking
Martinez Corporation	Eagan	MN	Technical/Professional
Mountain States Title Services	Helena	MT	Real Estate/Appraisal
Mueller Consulting Land Survey	Helena	MT	Surveying
Peaks to Plains Design PC	Billings	MT	Landscape Design, Environmental
Petticoat Pipe Cleaning	Belgrade	MT	Construction, Drainage, Specialty Trade
Poteet Construction, Inc.	Missoula	MT	Construction, Signs, Traffic Control
Rhithron Associates, Inc.	Missoula	MT	Biological/Ecological Analysis & Research
Scott Construction, Inc.	East Helena	MT	Electrical, Fencing
Snelling Staffing Services	Billings	MT	Employment Service
Terra West Technology, Inc.	Clancy	MT	Technical Writing/Editing
Tracy Knoop Novak Cons Environmental Sci	Bozeman	MT	Environmental Technical Services
Traffic Research and Analysis	Phoenix	AZ	Surveying, Transp Technical Services
Yeh & Associates, Inc.	Denver	CO	Engineering

DBE Companies No Longer Certified

Lorenzen Engineering, Inc.	Jefferson City	MT	Technical/Professional
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Quote of the Month

"Execute every act of thy life as though it were thy last."

Marcus Aurelius, Known as the Last of the Five Good Roman Emperors



SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) can guarantee bonds for contracts up to \$2 million, covering bid, performance and payment bonds for small and emerging contractors who cannot obtain surety bonds through regular commercial channels. SBA's guarantee gives sureties an incentive to provide bonding for eligible contractors, and thereby strengthens a contractor's ability to obtain bonding and greater access to contracting opportunities. A surety guarantee, an agreement between a surety and the SBA, provides that SBA will assume a predetermined percentage of loss in the event the contractor should breach the terms of the contract.

DEFINITION OF A SURETY BOND

A surety bond is a three-party instrument between a surety, the contractor and the project owner. The agreement binds the contractor to comply with the terms and conditions of a contract. If the contractor is unable to successfully perform the contract, the surety assumes the contractor's responsibilities and ensures that the project is completed. Below are the four types of contract bonds that may be covered by an SBA guarantee:

1. Bid - Bond which guarantees that the bidder on a contract will enter into the contract and furnish the required payment and performance bonds.
2. Payment - Bond which guarantees payment from the contractor of money to persons who furnish labor, materials equipment and/or supplies for use in the performance of the contract.
3. Performance - Bond which guarantees that the contractor will perform the contract in

accordance with its terms.

4. Ancillary - Bonds which are incidental and essential to the performance of the contract.

ELIGIBILITY

A contractor applying for an SBA bond guarantee must qualify as a small business, in addition to meeting the surety's bonding qualifications. Businesses in the construction and service industries can meet SBA's size eligibility standards if their average annual receipts, including those of their affiliates, for the last three fiscal years do not exceed \$6.5 million. Local SBA offices can answer questions dealing with size standard eligibility.

TYPES OF ELIGIBLE BONDS

Bid bonds and final bonds are eligible for an SBA guarantee if they are executed in connection with an eligible contract and are of a type listed in the "Contract Bonds" section of the current Manual of Rules, Procedures and Classifications of the Surety Association of America (SAA). Ancillary bonds may also be eligible for SBA's guarantee.

For more information, contact your local SBA office at 800-776-9144 ext 2 or go to: www.sba.gov/mt or contact one of the following Surety Agents:

Amwest Surety Insurance Company

7555 E. Hampden, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80231
(303) 368-7421

Century Insurance

P.O. Box 7006
Great Falls, MT 59406
(406) 761-1160

Cogswell Agency

P.O. Box 2009
Great Falls, MT 59403
(406) 761-5000

Fairfield Company

1221 Nicollet Mail, Suite 721
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 339-6891

FBS Insurance Montana Hoiness Labar, Inc.

P.O. Box 30638
Billings, MT 59107
(406) 245-6511

Flynn Insurance Agency

P.O. Box 711
Great Falls, MT 59403
(406) 453-1464

Insurance, Inc.

P.O. Box 5207
Helena, MT 59604
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Insurance Store, Inc

102 South Main St., P.O. Box 599
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Western States Bond Agency

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Quote of the Month

"What counts is not the number of hours you put in, but how much you put in those hours."

E. Rohn