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Hello!!

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One of the main goals in my job is to get information to each Montana Certified DBE firm so you will be able to use the information effectively to make your business successful. One way to get the information to you is production of a monthly newsletter. The newsletter is a way for me and every DBE business to share information. I encourage every DBE business to send your ideas, articles, information to me to include in the newsletter. This is your newsletter – let me know what information you would like to see in it. The newsletter will be mailed out at the end of each month and will include the bid invitation announcements. My hope is to eventually get all DBE information on the Montana Department of Transportation web site. *Rebecca*

Reminder!! - Please complete and send in your annual Update of Eligibility Form by your anniversary certification date. You will receive a reminder letter 2-3 months before the due date. Don't risk losing your certification by not sending in this information on time.

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DBE Goal 8.2% for FFY02

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has submitted to the Montana Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program goal of 8.2% for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002. Documents in support of this application are available for public examination at the MDT Headquarters Building, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59620 in the Civil Rights Bureau.

MT DBE Program Logo

All MT Certified DBE firms are invited to submit a logo to represent the DBE program. Every business is encouraged to submit a proposed logo. Fax, e-mail, or mail your submission to Rebecca by October 1st. Each MT Certified DBE business may display the selected logo for marketing purposes and the MT DBE program will use the logo on all future DBE Program brochures. The criteria for selection of the logo will be originality, artistic quality, professional appearance, transportation theme, and demonstrates fundamental nature of program. The awardee will receive the prize of a personal data assistant (PDA), an electronic organizer.



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DBE FOR SALE LOT

If you would like to advertise equipment for sale or place an ad for equipment looking to buy – here is the place at no cost to you! Contact Rebecca with the information and it will be in the next newsletter.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

12TH ANNUAL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION, MONTANA EXPOPARK, GREAT FALLS, SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2001 - One day of training on snowplow, front-end loader, motor grader and backhoe equipment. Cost is \$40 for training and \$50 for competition. If interested, Please contact Rebecca for faxed copy of registration form.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, WINGATE INN, HELENA, MT, SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2001 – Basic Concepts of Pavement Management. The cost is \$20.

More training announcements will be provided in the August newsletter. Please send notification of training opportunities for the next newsletter to Rebecca to share with other DBE businesses.

DBE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In May of 2001, Kara Todd, first student of the MT DBE Internship Program, started work for Highway Specialties (Sue Platis in Black Eagle, MT). The program is open to all MT certified DBE firms. Supportive Services will sponsor a business student from a tribal college to work as an intern at your business. The DBE firm will be reimbursed one half of the students net wages on a monthly basis for six months or up to \$4,999. Please contact Rebecca if you would like to participate in this program.

DBE PAYMENT REPORTING

If your firm is currently working on a Federal-aid project as a DBE, you are **REQUIRED** to submit a monthly report showing timely payments and amounts from whoever contracted your services. This provision is a requirement of the regulations (49 CFR), DBE Program and the Prime Contract and applies to all Prime/Sub as well as Sub-Sub contracts. For more information, contact any member of the DBE Staff.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS



Diana Youngquist, Custom Fencing & Welding, Inc., Sidney, MT

Free Book Available

The book “Common Sense – Construction Law” is available to all MT certified DBE firms. It is a hardbound, 454-page book - a practical guide for the construction professional. Please contact Rebecca if you would like this book mailed to you.

Bid Letting Schedule

(for remaining 2001)

August 23, 2001 (advertised July 26, 2001)

September 27, 2001 (advertised August 30, 2001)

November 8, 2001 (advertised October 11, 2001)

December 6, 2001 (advertised November 8, 2001)

Contractor's System Page

<http://mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm>

This web site provides information on Invitation for Bids for MDT Highway Construction Projects, Plan Holders List, Future Projects Schedule, Monthly Bid Tabs, Award Sheet, and DBE Directory and Program along with other forms and lists.

Web site for list of Invitation for Bids submitted by MDT Purchasing Services is

<http://mdt.state.mt.us/bids/bids.htm>

MONTANA DBE LENDING LIBRARY RESOURCE LIST

Currently, the DBE Lending Library has books, videos, and tapes available to you for checkout. Contact Rebecca to request materials for your business use. Items are loaned out for a period of one month at a time. If you do not see a book or video on the library list that you would like to check out, please send your request to Rebecca.

TITLE	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	QNTY	YEAR	FORMAT
General Construction 2001 Costbook	BNi Building News	BNi Construction Dictionary and Estimating Software	1	2001	Book/Software
General Construction 2000 Costbook	BNi Building News	BNi Construction Dictionary and Estimating Software	1	2000	Book/Software
Intermediate Construction	NAWIC	Drawing/Specs/Estimating	1	1984	Book
Basic Estimating for Construction	Fatzinger	Guide to construction plans,	1	1997	Book
Construction Estimating and Reference Data	Craftsman	Construction Estimating Reference Data	1	1998	Book/Software
Means Illustrated Construction Dictionary	Means	Construction Definitions	1	1991	Book
Construction Bidding Law	Cushman/Doyle		1	1990	Book
Legal Guide to Construction Subcontracting	Currie, Sweeney		1	1991	Book
Construction Joint Ventures	Becker Cushman		1	1992	Book
Estimating & Bidding Techniques That Work			1		Book/Video
Understanding Highway Right of Way	MT DOT	And Understanding Construction Plans	3	2000	Video
Roadside Design Guide	AASHTO		1	1996	Book
Preparation of Certified Payroll	MDT	User's Guide DBE Certified Firms	12		Videos
Finance	Groppelli	Streamlined Course for Business People	1	1995	Book
Get a Grip on Finance and Accounting	Corporate Classroom	Critical Skills for Success for Today's Business World	1	1998	Book
Cross Cultural Comm. Skills			1		Book
New Roads to Opportunities			1		Book
Build Your Path to the Future			1		Book
The 12-Hour MBA Program	Sobel	Key Concepts and Techniques	1	1993	Book
Embracing Chaos	Peters	How to Shake Things Up Things Happen	1	1990	Audio Tapes (6)
Business Plans for Dummies	Tiffany, Peterson	Guide to Create a Winning Business Plan	1	1997	Book
AMA Guide to Strategic Planning for Small Business	Cook	Practical Guide to Plan for Growth	1	1994	Book
Do It Yourself Marketing	Ramacitti	Basics to Position and Market your Product Professionally and Effectively	1	1994	Book
AMA Guide to Small Business Marketing	Cook	Action-Based Handbook with Marketing Know-How	1	1992	Book
AMA Guide to Small Business Advertising	Vitale	Tools to Create a Highly Effective Advertising Program	1	1995	Book
Legal Issues for Managers	Deblieux	Skills for Avoiding Your Day in Court	1	1997	Book
Free Legal Help	Lesko		1	1995	Book
Exporters Guide to Federal Resources	SBA	For Small Business	1	1992	Book
Breaking Into the Trade Game	SBA	Small Bus. Guide to Exporting	1		Book
Negotiating for Dummies	Donaldson	Easy Way to Get What You Want	1	1996	Book
Grow Your Business on the Internet	Emery	Complete Guide to Making Money	2	1995	Book
The Internet for Dummies	Levine	Fun and Easy Way to Explore the Internet	1	1997	Book
The Mac Internet Tour Guide		Cruising the Internet the Easy Way	2	1995	Book/CD
Using WordPerfect 6.1	Que	For Windows	1	1994	Book
The American Indians	Time Life Books	Series of 19 Books on American Indians	19	1993	Books
How the West Was Lost	Discovery Ch	Series of 12 Videos on American Indians	12		Videos
Old Indian Legends	Zitkala-Sa		1	1985	Book
Black Elk Speaks	Neihardt	Life Story of Holy Man of Oglala Sioux	1	1972	Book
Native Peoples of the Northwest	Halliday/Chehak	Traveler's Guide to Land, Art, Culture	1	1996	Book
Shadows of the Indian	Stedman	Stereotypes in American Culture	1	1982	Book

LIST OF MONTANA CERTIFIED DBE (106 Firms as of July 27, 2001)

Any time you change your business contact information, please send this information to Rebecca. Future newsletters and DBE directory on line will have contact information for new DBE certified businesses and updated information for present businesses. The MT DBE Directory with complete contact information is available at www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/ or <http://mdt.state.mt.us/ctrct/contract.htm>. This information is for your use in networking with other DBE businesses.

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Current Montana Transportation Department Highway Construction Projects

For the quickest and most complete notification information of these projects as they are advertised for bid, go to the web site <http://mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm> and click on Invitation for Bids. While the newsletter has notices posted, do not reply on this information alone.

Invitation for Bids, Letting of August 23, 2001

Sealed bids for construction of this project will be received by the Montana Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Section, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, MT until 12:00 noon on August 22, 2001. Bids received in Helena by 12:00 noon will be taken to Big Fork, Montana. Sealed bids may also be hand delivered for acceptance to the Montana Department of Transportation's desk at Marina Cay, Big Fork, Montana from 8:30am to 9:00am on August 23, 2001. The bids being publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00am. Bids proposals, plans, cross-sections, dirt runs if available, and full instructions to bidders are on file for examination, and may be obtained from the Contract Plans Section. These documents may be requested by FAX (406) 444-7236, by mail or by calling (406) 444-6216, 6212 or 6215. Additional bid letting information is also available on the Internet at the address <http://mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm>.

1. **Federal Aid Project No. NH 1-4(21)279** Overhead cantilever sign structure on U.S. 2 near the intersection with Sixth Avenue North at Shelby in Toole County. Contract to be completed in 30 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$10,000 and \$30,000. The DBE goals are 0%. Cost of plans and proposal \$10.00 per set.

2. **Federal Aid Project No. STPP 29-1(37)43** Grading, gravel, plant mix surfacing on 9.8 kilometers of the Twin Bridges – North project on Montana 29 in Madison County, beginning at the city limits, Station 10+00 and continues north along the MRL Railroad to Station 109+35.97. Contract to be completed in 180 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$3,000,000 and \$6,000,000. The DBE contract goals are 5.0%. Cost of plans and proposal \$10.00 per set.

3. **Federal Aid Project Nos. BR444-1(4)4 & BR 444-1(5)4**

BR444-1(4)4 - A 27-meter prestressed concrete beam structure and plant mix approaches over Willow Creek Northeast of Blackfoot on Secondary 444 in Glacier County, approximately 5 kilometers north of the junction with US 2 in Section 34, Township 34 North, Range 9 West.

BR444-1(5)4 – A 73-meter prestressed concrete beam structure and plant mix approaches over Cut Bank Creek Northeast of Blackfoot on Secondary 444 in Glacier County, approximately 5.5 kilometers north of the junction with US 2 in Section 34, Township 34 North, Range 9 West. Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, August 13, 2001 at 11:00 am in the Blackfeet Agency Office. Attendance at this conference is mandatory for any contractor to submit a bid as a prime. Contract to be completed in 120 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$900,000 and \$3,000,000. The DBE contract goals are 1.5%. Cost of plans and proposal \$12.00 per set, including cross-sections.

4. **Federal Aid Project No. STPS 464-1(8)22** Living snow fence, wood snow fence, farm fence and guardrail replacement on Montana Secondary Route 464 in Glacier County. The project is located at Reference Post 24 in Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 12 West. Contract to be completed in 30 working days. The estimated construction of this project is between \$100,000 and \$140,000. The DBE goals are 0%. Cost of plans and proposal \$10.00 per set.

5. **Federal Aid Project No. BR 9053(27)** Construction of a 3 span, 112-meter continuous steel beam structure with graveled approaches on Milk River – North of Tampico project in Valley County. The project is located on a county road crossing the Milk River 18 kilometers northwest of Glasgow near the community of Tampico in Section 32, Township 30 North, Range 38 East. Contract to be completed in 170 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$900,000 and \$3,000,000. The DBE goals are 2.0%. Cost of plans and proposals \$10.00 per set.

MONTANA CERTIFIED DBE SURVEY

Information for Development of the Supportive Services Program/ Civil Rights Bureau/ Montana Department of Transportation

What would benefit you most in helping you run your business successfully? _____

What problems do you encounter most that hinder the success of your business? _____

Do you have a business computer? Yes _____ No _____

What software applications would you like to learn to assist with managing your business?

Does your business have a web site? Yes _____ No _____ If so, please List Web Site Address _____

Would you be interested in learning to develop a web site? Yes _____ No _____

Would you attend a workshop on business marketing techniques? Yes _____ No _____

Would you attend a workshop on business plan development? Yes _____ No _____

Would you be interested in having an intern work at your business? Yes _____ No _____

What other training do you need to manage your business?

Please list other comments on ways that DBE Supportive Services program could be of greater assistance to you

Name of Individual/Company completing this form _____

Updated Company Contact Information _____

Please mail survey to Rebecca L. Johnson, DBE Supportive Services Manager, Civil Rights Bureau, Montana Department of Transportation, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620-1001 or return in enclosed envelope.
Thank you.

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