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Indiana Department of Administration



“ENERGIZING AND EMPOWERING YOU  IN BUSINESS”

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ENERGIZING AND EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY: DIVISION OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY EVENTS

▶▶▶ PAY AUDIT WEBINAR: JANUARY 17, 2024

The Pay Audit System webinar provided prime vendors and subcontractors with an introduction to the web-based tool used to report payments made to, and received by, MBE, WBE, and IVOSB firms on State of Indiana contracts. Attendees learned about the purpose and use of the Pay Audit System, and had the opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of this important tool for ensuring contract compliance.



▶▶▶ CERTIFICATION WEBINAR: FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Our recent webinars provided a comprehensive guide to the certification application process for Minority, Woman, and Veteran-owned business enterprises in Indiana. Attendees learned about the requirements for certification. Experts were on hand to answer questions and provide additional guidance.

BONDING WEBINAR FEBRUARY 29, 2024 ◀◀◀

The 'Energize Your Business with Bonding' webinar, was presented in partnership with Martin Anderson of the U.S. Small Business Administration who provided insights on how to obtain contract bonds and maximize surety credit. Attendees learned about the fundamentals of contract bonding, common misconceptions, and strategies for success



▶▶▶ DSD 101 WORKSHOP: MARCH 20, 2024

The DSD 101: 'Introduction to the Division's Three Functions' workshop provided an overview of the IDOA Division of Supplier Diversity's key roles in business development and outreach, certification, and contract compliance. Attendees gained valuable insights into the Division's work and learned about upcoming events, the benefits of certification, and the contracting process.

NEW YEAR, NEW US!



“ENERGIZING AND EMPOWERING YOU IN BUSINESS”

AMPLIFYING OUR IMPACT: GET TO KNOW OUR NEW OUTREACH TEAM MEMBERS

▶▶▶ ABOUT AUSTIN

Austin is a Business Development and Outreach Manager with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA), Division of Supplier Diversity (DSD). Austin is a graduate from Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). While obtaining a degree in Fine Arts Photography, he was inspired by government work and serving his fellow Hoosiers. Austin is excited about joining the IDOA team and doing work that has a purpose that betters the mission of Supplier Diversity.

ABOUT TYLA ◀◀◀

Tyla is a Business Development and Outreach Manager with the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA), Division of Supplier Diversity (DSD). Tyla is a graduate of Indiana University Bloomington (IUB). After obtaining a degree in Public Affairs, she has served in the nonprofit industry for 10 years, working primarily with youth and families. Tyla is enthusiastic about the opportunity to pivot in a new direction and use her experience to reinvigorate the local business community.



Austin Van Wagner



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POWERING UP FOR SUPPLIER DIVERSITY: WELCOMING OUR NEW COMMISSIONERS

>>> ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

In 1983, recognizing the importance of the Division of Supplier Diversity (MBE/WBE/IVOSBs) participation in state purchases, Public Law 34 (I.C. 4-13-16.5) created the Governor's Commission on Minority Business Development, which is now the Governor's Commission on Supplier Diversity. The Commission's mandate is to explore opportunities and implement activities that will enable MBE/WBE and Indiana Veteran Owned Small Businesses (IVOSBs) to fully participate in the procurement system. Commission members actively work to cultivate an environment that provides contracting opportunities for minorities and women across the State of Indiana. Member appointments are four year terms.

BOOSTING OUR POTENTIAL: MEET THE NEW COMMISSIONERS



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POWERING AHEAD: A GLANCE AT CERTIFICATION (JAN-MAR)

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RECHARGING THE COMMUNITY: PARTNER EVENTS, CONNECTIONS AND IMPACT

From January to March, IDOA DSD participated in seventeen (17) outreach-based events across the State of Indiana, five (5) of which were presented by the Division. Our involvement and support in each partner event has been as a presenter, panelist, exhibitor, or attendee.

- S.E.I.'S INDIANA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ZOOM MEETING
- UA MINORITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION ICRC
- 33RD ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. INDIANA HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
- DSD PAY AUDIT WEBINAR
- DSD CERTIFICATION WEBINAR
- NAWBO VISIONARY AWARDS LUNCHEON
- NAWBO DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE
- INDIANA CONSTRUCTION ROUNDTABLE DIVERSITY EVENT BUILD
- WESTVILLE DIVERSITY OUTREACH EVENT
- NBA ALL STAR B2B DIVERSITY EVENT
- 1ST QUARTER GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SUPPLIER DIVERSITY MEETING
- DSD BC SERIES – ENERGIZING YOUR BUSINESS WITH BONDING
- DSD 101: INTRODUCTION TO THE DIVISION'S THREE FUNCTIONS WORKSHOP
- WEEKLY BALL STATE UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY CALLS
- WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING EVENT



VENDOR SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

>>> ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Vendor Spotlight program is a comprehensive initiative that aims to celebrate the successes and contributions of certified minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses in Indiana. The program includes social media posts to introduce the business and owner, an on-site visit by the outreach team for a recorded interview, and a professionally produced video reel showcasing the business and its offerings. Through these activities, the Vendor Spotlight program raises awareness about the diversity and excellence of certified businesses, promotes the benefits of supplier diversity, and empowers businesses to continue growing and thriving.

>>> JANUARY VENDOR SPOTLIGHT- MARKET SQUARE POPCORN COMPANY LLC



>>> FEBRUARY VENDOR SPOTLIGHT - PUNKIN'S PIES SWEET TREATS



>>> MARCH VENDOR SPOTLIGHT- MONARCH STRATEGIES LLC



ELEVATE YOUR PARTICIPATION: STAY UP-TO -DATE WITH EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



➤➤➤ UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay connected and never miss an opportunity to network, learn, and grow! Our upcoming events are designed to empower businesses and provide valuable insights into the latest trends and best practices in supplier diversity. Don't miss out on the chance to engage with industry leaders, connect with potential partners, and discover new ways to elevate your business. Use the link below to access our upcoming events.

<https://www.in.gov/idoa/mwbe/events/>

- Certification Webinar - Wednesday, April 17th
- Preparation Meeting Opportunity: Doing Business w/ Community Health Network- Monday, April 29th
- Pay Audit Webinar - Wednesday, May 15th
- Pitch Perfect Workshop - Thursday, May 23rd
- Certification Webinar - Wednesday, June 19th
- Energizing your Opportunity: Doing Business Across the State- Thursday, June 25th

➤➤➤ EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to be an exhibitor at our next business conference on Friday October 11, 2024? If so, sign up using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/wcze9dpk>

➤➤➤ BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES

Check out DSD's latest business opportunities by using the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/34ux5tnf>

➤➤➤ CERTIFY YOUR BUSINESS

The Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Supplier Diversity has relaunched the Secured Supplier Portal and is only taking applications through the electronic application process. For more information, please visit our Certify Your Business Page using the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/58n4a3cf>

16th Annual Conference and B2Bold Expo:

OCTOBER

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9AM - 3PM

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