



Talking Feather News for the week of March 24, 2008

Business Opportunity



CITY of DETROIT

NEW! Water System Improvements Call for Bids on WS-648

The **City of Detroit** will accept sealed bids for this work delivered to the Detroit Finance Department, Purchasing Division, Room # 1008 Coleman Young Municipal Center, Two Woodward Ave. Detroit, Michigan 48226 until **2:00 p.m. local time on April 8, 2008**. This contract (WS-648) includes but is not limited to the replacement of existing 6-inch, 8-inch, 12-inch and 16-inch water mains. For the work, the City will furnish approximately 5,579 linear feet of 8-inch, 1,366 linear feet of 12-inch, and 1,033 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron pipe and fittings. The Contractor will install the City-furnished 8-inch, 12-inch and 16-inch gate valves. The Contractor will furnish and install 8-mil polyethylene wrap and furnish/construct all appurtenances, connections, and related structures. The Bidder should understand and accept that the extent of the work may be different from the quantities of the various items in the Bid Schedule and might need to be adjusted. **Bidding documents may be obtained beginning March 10, 2008** from the DWSD, 1501 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph Street, Detroit MI 48226 on business days between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **A non-refundable charge of \$100.00** in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners **is required to secure these bidding documents**. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bidder's Bid is necessary when placing your bid for this project. You may contact Daniel Edwards at (313) 964-9471 with any administrative questions about this bid.



Premier's Supplier Diversity process

Premier, a strategic alliance of leading hospitals and healthcare systems across the country, has a strong Supplier Diversity initiative and group purchasing policies that are extremely beneficial to vendors. The majority of Premier agreements are for hospital supplies, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices and equipment used for direct patient care. A small percentage of their agreements are for other products and services that may be used by hospitals. Premier is committed to fostering supplier diversity and it is not necessary for potential suppliers to operate on a national level in order to compete for Premier agreements. For more information on doing business with Premier, interested companies may go to the Premier website: www.premierinc.com, click on the 'About Premier' box in the global navigation bar, and choose the non-contracted suppliers link. You can also find their bid calendar at www.premierinc.com/suppliers.

Upcoming Events



36th Annual University of Michigan Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow April 5-6, 2008 – Ann Arbor, MI

The University of Michigan's annual **Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow** will be held this year at the U of M's Crisler Arena at 333 E. Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This is a unique opportunity to celebrate Native American culture. The Pow Wow is presented by the University of Michigan's Native American Programming Task Force, Native American Student Association, and the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs, Division of Student Affairs. For more information or to register for this event, you can go to the website: www.umich.edu/~powwow. If you have any questions, please e-mail powwow_committee@yahoo.com.



US Army Corps
of Engineers



2008 USACE/SAME Detroit Post Small Business Workshop April 9, 2008 – Selfridge, MI

The **2008 USACE/SAME Workshop** will be held this year at the Dining Hall Facility of the Selfridge ANG Base in Selfridge, MI on **April 9, 2008**. This event has grown in popularity and success each year, and is a great opportunity for area small and large businesses to network with Federal, State, and local procurement officers. In the interests of supplier diversity, they have extended a special invitation to NABA members and partners. For information, please see: www.same-detroit.org/2008smallbus.html. Their registration form can be found at: www.regonline.com/187545. Questions about the workshop can be directed to Anne Parker at (419) 944-4591.



2nd Annual All Nations Skate Jam Los Altos Skatepark April 27, 2008 – Albuquerque, NM

The **2nd Annual All Nations Skate Jam** will be held at the Los Altos Skatepark in Albuquerque, NM on **April 27, 2008**. This is a national championship of Native American skaters held during the same weekend as the Gather of Nations Pow Wow. The contest begins at 10:00 a.m. For details, e-mail nativeskates@hotmail.com.



2008 NABA Fund Business & Procurement Conference

April 27-29, 2008

Pearl River Resort - *Philadelphia, MS*



The **Native American Business Alliance** is partnering with the **Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians** to bring the **2008 NABA Fund Business & Procurement Conference** to the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi. This event will be held on **April 27-29, 2008** and is being sponsored by Chrysler, LLC. Registration for the Conference will begin on January 1, 2008. Beginning in November, you will be able to find more details on the NABA website: www.native-american-bus.org.



International Career Advancement Program September 19-28, 2008

Aspen, CO

The **Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, and the Aspen Institute** invite nominations and applications for the **International Career Advancement Program (ICAP)**. ICAP will bring together mid-career professionals from groups underrepresented in leadership positions in international affairs with senior officials and policymakers to spend one week in Aspen, Colorado, discussing a wide range of topics of interest to both groups. The aim of this program is to assist highly promising mid-career professionals advance to more senior positions in international affairs. For details about ICAP, applicant criteria, and an application form, go to <http://mysite.du.edu/~trowe/icap/> or e-mail trowe@du.edu. **Completed applications are due by May 5, 2008.**

Request for Support



Michigan State University Multicultural Business Programs, Eli Board College of Business To Develop Native American Business Institute

MSU's Multicultural Business Programs in the Eli Board College of Business (MBP) is developing a **Native American Business Institute (NABI)**, an intensive week-long summer institute for up to thirty Native Americans in 10th through 12th grades, from across Michigan and the United States. This program will offer Native American students a one-of-a-kind residential learning experience designed to maximize their college experience and prepare them for careers in business, while working within a culturally supportive learning environment. The MBP will also work within students' family and communities to build the kind of support needed for Native students' long-term success. They are seeking financial support to launch the **1st Annual Native American Business Institute**, to be held during the Summer of 2008. For a copy of the proposal or to

learn how you can help make the NABI a reality, contact Allard Teeple, Jr. by e-mail at teepleal@gmail.com or by phone at (313) 415-2009.

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For companies that are ready to do business with U.S. government agencies, **Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE)** brings together the federal acquisition community and government contractors. Because IAE has been designed with input from over 300 representatives from 65 agencies, it provides centralized shared services. You can learn more about IAE at www.arnet.gov. Forecasts of federal procurement opportunities can be found at www.acqnet.gov/comp/procurement_forecasts/index.html.