



Talking Feather News for the week of September 17, 2007

Business Opportunity



Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Request for Proposals for the Rehabilitation Of the Wick Road Station

The **Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD)** has put out an announcement requesting proposals for Design-Build Contract No. DWS-858: "Wick Road Station Rehabilitation". They are seeking a qualified firm to provide design-build services under a negotiated fixed-price contract. The intent of this project is to implement the improvements to several Pumping Units at the Wick Road Pumping Station and other miscellaneous improvements at Wick Road and Ypsilanti. **RFP packages may be obtained beginning September 4, 2007** from the DWSD Contracts Section, 15th Floor Room, 1504 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph Street, Detroit MI 48226 on business days between 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **You may contact Yolanda Phippen at (313) 964-9548 for more information on the RFP distribution. Proposals are due on October 24, 2007 at 12:00 noon;** questions regarding the RFP submission process should be directed to Miriam Dixon at (313) 964-9465.

Upcoming Events



Chrysler Matchmaker Event September 20, 2007 Chrysler Technology Center Auburn Hills, MI

Chrysler Corporation is holding their annual **Matchmaker** event on **September 20th** this year at the Chrysler Technology Center in Auburn Hills, MI. The purpose of this event is to provide business opportunities for over 200 minority business exhibitors and to enable the building of relationships with Chrysler and its suppliers. **Please pre-register for this event by Friday, Sept. 14th.** Registration is available onsite if needed. For more information, please go to: <http://63.236.15.78>.



Women's Business Development Center Entrepreneurial Women's Conference September 26 & 27, 2007 Navy Pier – Chicago, IL

The **Women's Business Development Center's Entrepreneurial Women's Conference** will be held **September 26th and 27th** at Chicago's Navy Pier. This is the oldest conference and business opportunities fair for women in business in the United States, and the premier event for women business owners in the

Midwest. Information on the conference and details on how to register can be found on their website at: www.wbdc.org/conf/conf.asp.



Hispanic Business Expo & Economic Summit - September 27 & 28, 2007 **Detroit Marriott (Renaissance Center)** ***Detroit, MI***

The **Hispanic Business Alliance** will be holding and minority businesses and corporations on **October 28-31, 2007** in Miami Beach, Florida. This conference will deliver up-to-date information on minority business development and features plenary sessions and workshops to enhance your knowledge and an 850-booth Business Opportunity Fair. To register, go to <http://www.nmsdcus.org/events/conference07.html>.



NMSDC National Conference **October 28-31, 2007** **Miami Beach Convention Center** ***Miami Beach, FL***

The **National Minority Supplier Development Council's** 35th Anniversary celebration will bring together meetings, special events and minority businesses and corporations on **October 28-31, 2007** in Miami Beach, Florida. This conference will deliver up-to-date information on minority business development and features plenary sessions and workshops to enhance your knowledge and an 850-booth Business Opportunity Fair. To register, go to <http://www.nmsdcus.org/events/conference07.html>.



Toyota Opportunity Exchange **November 13, 2007** **Duke Energy Center – *Cincinnati, OH***

Toyota's Opportunity Exchange is a one-day event where MBEs have the chance to do build relationships and do business with Toyota Tier I Suppliers. This annual trade fair and conference is hosted by the Toyota Supplier Diversity section and was created with the intent to build lasting relationships between their Tier I suppliers and MBEs. 2007's event will be held on November 13, 2007 at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. More information can be found at: www.toyotasupplier.com/sup_diversity/activities.html.



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 DaimlerChrysler

Corporation. 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.

Congratulations



Total Polish Solutions Wins Excellence in Construction Award - Knoxville, TN

Total Polish Solutions received an **Excellence in Construction Award** from The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee and Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., at the 2007 Excellence in Construction Awards Celebration held in Knoxville, Tennessee. "This was a very challenging project," says Stan Thomas, President of Total Polish Solutions. "We are honored to be recognized with an Excellence in Construction Award. Polished concrete is our specialty, and we take a lot of pride in the quality of our work. However, this project simply couldn't have happened without everyone on our team being focused on one thing-the expectations of our customer." You can learn more about Total Polish Solutions and find more details about the project at www.totalpolishsolutions.com/news.aspx.