



Talking Feather News for the week of October 1, 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



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>.



Honigman's 2nd Annual Great Lakes Tribal Economic Development Symposium – Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2007 Mount Pleasant, MI

The **Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, LLP Second Annual Great Lakes Tribal Economic Development Symposium** will be held **October 31 – November 1, 2007** in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. This 2-day conference will be held at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino, and will bring together leaders from Native American Tribes, business leaders, entrepreneurs, and federal, state, local and Tribal

representatives. During the Symposium, attendees will explore the current environment for tribal economic development and cutting-edge ideas and strategies for creating and sustaining strong and diverse tribal economies in the Great Lakes region. The registration deadline is **October 22, 2007**. You can register online at www.honigmanted.com.



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 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.



NCAIED 22nd Annual National Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair March 3-6, 2008 – Las Vegas, NV

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 22nd Annual National Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair (RES 2008) will be held **March 3-6, 2008** at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Trade Fair will feature 16 workshops in four tracks, compelling keynote speakers, and access to business leaders among other attractions. For information, see their website: www.ncaied.org or call 800-4-NCAIED, ext. 228.



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.

Announcements



American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas Announces Education & Opportunity Fund Application

The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas has issued the application for their **Education & Opportunity Fund** for the 2007/2008 school year. These funds are available to Chamber members and their children or grandchildren. The deadline for submitting the application for the 2007/2008 award is **October 19, 2007**. Please contact the Chamber office at (817) 429-2323 to have an application e-mailed to you or if you have any questions.



Department of Education Awards Over \$11M to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities

Tribally controlled colleges in Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin were recently selected to receive grants totaling \$11,982,128.00 to assist their efforts to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native American students. The grant awards are intended to help tribal colleges and universities plan activities and develop new capabilities in serving Native American students. You can read more about the U.S. Department of Education's support for tribally controlled colleges and universities at the Department's Web Site: <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whtc/edlite-links.html>.



Nike Unveils Shoe For Native Americans

In September of 2007, Nike introduced the Air Native N7 shoe, the first shoe ever designed specifically for Native Americans. The N7 is designed with a larger fit for the distinct foot shape of Native Americans and the shoe has a culturally specific look. It will be distributed solely to Native Americans; tribal wellness programs and tribal schools nationwide will be able to purchase the shoe at wholesale price and then pass it along to individuals. Nike has been involved with the tribal community for years, supporting tribal athletic teams, events and other social initiatives.