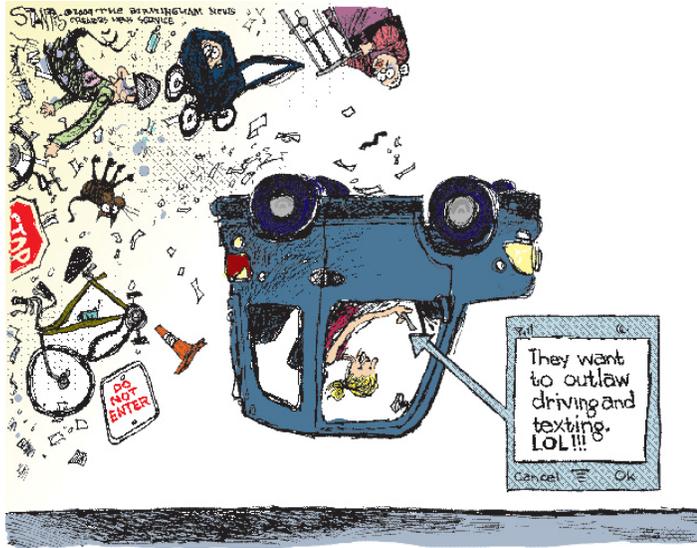




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US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood applauds Kansas on New Law Banning Texting For All Drivers

WASHINGTON, D.C.- U. S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today commended Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson for signing an anti-texting-while-driving bill into law for all drivers in his state. As the 26th state to pass a texting ban, Kansas has taken the country past the halfway mark toward a nationwide prohibition of texting while driving.

“Distracted driving is a dangerous practice that kills thousands and injures hundreds of thousands each year. By signing this texting ban, Governor Parkinson has helped save lives and will

make Kansas roads safer for everyone,” said Secretary LaHood.

Kansas’ new law will outlaw texting by all drivers. Drivers caught texting will receive warnings until January 1, 2011, after which law enforcement will issue \$60 fines for violations. Because it is a primary law, police officers can stop motorists suspected of this offense alone.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has developed sample legislation that states can use as a starting point to craft measures to ban texting. The sample bill is modeled after President Obama’s October 1, 2009. Executive Order prohibiting federal employees from texting while operating government-owned vehicles and equipment. Last year, more than 200 distracted driving bills were under consideration by state legislatures, and the number has grown this year.

Research compiled by NHTSA attributed an estimated 6,000 deaths and 500,000 injuries to distracted driving in 2008 alone. In addition to the Obama Administration’s ban on texting for federal employees, the U.S. Department of Transportation has banned texting for all commercial and truck drivers, with similar rules in the works for rail operators. Last month, Secretary LaHood launched pilot programs in Syracuse, New York and Hartford, Connecticut as part of a “Phone in One Hand. Ticket in the Other,” campaign designed to reduce distracted driving behavior through a combination of increased enforcement and public awareness.

For more information on distracted driving and the Department of Transportation’s work, visit www.distraction.gov .

ARRIVE ALIVE...DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

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Bid and Contracting Opportunities

**Welcome,
Recently Certified
DBEs!**

Pamela Kahn
Genoa International Corp
Chemical Product Sales

Greg Parks
Bioseal LLC
Spray foam insulation

Tanya Chemodurow
Abatement Contractors of Montana LLC
Asbestos and Lead Abatement and Demolition

Carolyn Sawyer
Tom Sawyer Productions Inc
Analysis, Research, Professional Services

Jennifer Stark
Blue Sky Reclamation Inc
Reclamation, Landscaping

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MDT holds two bid lettings each month.

Proposed for letting June 2010

UPN/UNIT	PROJECT ID	FINANCIAL DISTRICT	PROJECT DESIGNATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH MILES
6792 000	NH 1-1(84)30	1	LIBBY URBAN	RESURFACING-ASPHALT (THIN LIFT<=60.00 MM)(INC SAF IMP)PAVE PRES	4.1
6897 000	NH 1-1(86)34	1	LIBBY-SOUTH	RESURFACING-SEAL & COVER	4.1
6440 000	NH 24-3(36)100	3	CULVERT-NE OF ROGERS PASS	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT WITH A CULVERT WITH NO ADDED CAPACITY	
4951 001	NH 1-6(63)386	3	HAVRE-EAST	RECONSTRUCTION-WITH ADDED CAPACITY	7.3
6798 000	STPP 33-1(35)0	1	CALIFORNIA ST – LIBBY	RESURFACING-ASPHAL(THIN LIST<=60.00MM)(INCLUDING SAF IMP)PAVE PRES	1.5
5004 001	HSIP 25(58)	3	2001-SAFETY IMP-GRIZZLY GULCH	ROADWAY & ROADSIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	

The State of Montana offers one stop vendor information at the following link:
<http://svc.mt.gov/gsd/onestop/SolicitationDefault.aspx>

This website contains information from all agencies that are soliciting a contract. Check it out!

As part of our Statement of Work for this federal fiscal year, October 2009 to September 2010, we are able to fund MCA (Montana Contractor's Assn) dues for DBEs in order for DBEs to continue to network with prime contractors. In July, MCA offers dues at a reduced rate. So...if you want to join MCA in July, please contact Shannon in Supportive Services as this is a first-come, first-serve opportunity.



Thinking of buying new equipment?

One of the biggest decisions that a business owner has to make when buying a new piece of equipment or making a capital expenditure is, "What is my return on investment for this purchase?"

For any business owner, the return on investment or ROI question is one that you need to ask every time that you are thinking about buying a new piece of equipment or making any capital expenditure. Without fail, you must ask, "What does this asset do for my bottom line?"

If the answer is nothing, or very, very low, then you should ask yourself if the expenditure is worth making.

If you run the numbers and see how the new equipment can increase productivity, increase sales, improve quality or any host of other questions, then go for it. If the justification appears somewhat less than definitive, wait.

From: Billings Business magazine

MDT Awarded Contracts for March and April and DBE participation:

Prime	Location	Project	DBE Participation
CMG CONSTRUCTION INC	HARLOWTOWN REST AREA	NH 14-3(19)101	.38%
HARDRIVES CONSTRUCTION INC	N OF JCT S-566 – NORTH	STPS 314-1(19)25	100%
HELENA SAND & GRAVEL	CEDAR STREET – HELENA	STPU 5807(12)	3.7%
JIM GILMAN EXCAVATING INC	GRAND AVE-FLORENCE TO CONT	ARRA 1810(4)	3.5%
NELCON INC	CONRAD I-15 NORTH INTERCHANGE	MT 15-7(32)339	8.3%
PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS	NEIHART TO MONARCH MONARCH HILL-RICEVILLE	STPP 60-2(85)38 STPP 60-2(80)53	0.0%
PRINCE INC	POMPEYS PPILLAR-WACO INTCH	ARRA-IM 94-1(68)24	2.3%
TCA LLC	ROCKY COULEE-NW OF SANTA RITA	BR 213-1(16)10	4.4%
Average Participation			2.90 %

U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Signs Memorandum of Cooperation to Encourage Women to Pursue Math and Science Careers in Transportation *Partnership with Women's Transportation Seminar International Supports Diverse 21st Century Workforce*

To help counter an anticipated shortage of skilled transportation workers, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today signed an agreement with the Women's Transportation Seminar International to encourage women to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and math – while pursuing careers in transportation.

"There's tremendous opportunity out there for women interested in transportation-related careers," said Secretary LaHood. "We need to do more to prepare, train and educate young women about the possibilities that await them."

Secretary LaHood said the need for environmental engineers and technicians is expected to rise by 30 percent over the next decade. The Department of Labor reported in 2008 that less than 6 percent of employed women worked in transportation, and only 10 percent of all civil engineers in the U.S. are women. The joint initiative will support the advancement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through a strategic partnership between the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Women's Transportation Seminar International (WTS).

"WTS is excited to launch this strategic partnership with DOT and to help develop a transportation workforce of the future" said Elaine Dezenski, WTS International President. "Through this effort, we will work with government and industry to attract and prepare more girls and women for careers in transportation. Our goal is to help create a 21st century workforce to support a transportation network and infrastructure needed in the 21st century.

Utilizing its network of 45 chapters and over 4,000 transportation professionals, WTS will work with the DOT to organize a series of outreach sessions in 2010 and 2011 throughout the U.S. Sessions will focus on workforce development as it relates to STEM, with specific attention given to attracting and retaining a highly qualified, diverse and technically advanced workforce for the future.

The Memorandum of Cooperation signed today supports the following key goals:

- understanding where gaps exist in the attraction and retention of women in transportation-oriented technical fields such as engineering and logistics;
- developing a tool-kit of best practices in the areas of mentoring, promoting women entrepreneurs and attracting students in technical fields into transportation;
- developing more effective professional development opportunities for women across the lifecycle of a career;
- developing ideas and partnerships to encourage girls (13-18 years) to consider careers in transportation; and
- engaging the WTS community in a broad-based policy initiative that supports the advancement of women in U.S. transportation.

The initiative supports both the DOT strategic plan and its goal to achieve organizational excellence in workforce development and the WTS mission to transform transportation through the advancement of women.

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Do you need training to succeed and prosper? Contact Shannon Hahn at 444-7287 and let her know. We will get something scheduled for you as soon as possible.

Also, don't forget, if you receive outside training, you may be eligible for reimbursement up to \$650 per year and up to \$250 per year for travel. Call Shannon for that as well, this is available until the funding runs out.

Meetings, Workshops, and Training Opportunities

June

- 6/2 SBA Workshop: The Economy, Financing & Your Business**
Gallatin Gateway Inn, Gallatin Gateway
8:30 -11:15 am
SBA is hosting this workshop that includes local and state-wide lenders and technical resource partners will discuss and present on the economic conditions of Montana
Contact: Alyssa Patton 406-587-3113
- 6/3 Treasure State Export Seminar**
Rocky Mountain College
9 am – 4 pm
Senator Jon Tester is hosting a seminar in Billings to create jobs and boost the state's economy by expanding opportunities to sell Montana goods and services to customers in other countries.
RSVP: tester.senate.gov/export or 866-554-4403
- 6/9-11 2010 MEDA Spring Conference**
Miles City Town and Country Club
All day
"Montana's Economy: Life Outside the Boot"
Top notch speakers, business tours, professional development sessions, great food
Contact: Gloria O'Rourke 563-5259

- 6/10-11 Grant Proposal Writing Seminar**
Montana Tech, Butte
8:30 am
Learn key strategies to help you demystify the grants process
Contact: Janet Cornish 723-7993

- 6/24-25 Montana Women In Business Conference**
Big Sky Resort, Big Sky
All day
2010 Montana Women in Business Conference
Adapting and Being Nimble in a Recovering Economy
Contact:
womeninbusinessconference.wildapricot.org

Don't forget, lots of training opportunities will be coming your way, so watch your e-mail for more information!

