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Hello....

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Since only one newsletter was returned, you must have all received it and read it. I hope that you found the information useful. The feedback was a little weak – only 8 DBE program surveys and 5 requests for the Common Sense–Construction Law book. Please call or send me an e-mail if you have questions or need more information on any articles in the newsletter. The purpose of this information is for you to use it. This is your newsletter – there is lots of space for your feedback, articles, questions – it will all go in the newsletter. Tell me what you want to see in it. During each month, any information which I learn, I will shared it with you in the newsletter – what one person learns will save time and effort for many people if we share the information. I have posted the newsletter to the DBE web site at <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/civilrights/> (then go to DBE Supportive Services Newsletter). Thank you. *Rebecca*

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Quarterly Report Due October 2001

All Certified DBE companies are required to send a quarterly report to the office stating what work your company is doing (list dates, title of project-include projects bidded and awarded). Reports are due July, October, January, and April of each year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Employers – Required Postings

Employers are required to post:

- Equal Employment Opportunity Poster
- Federal Minimum Wage Poster
- Polygraph Poster
- Family Medical Leave Act Poster
- Job Safety and Health (OSHA) Poster
- Proof of Unemployment Insurance Coverage
- Proof of Workers' Compensation Coverage
- Prevailing Wage Law (Public Works Projects Only)

A packet with these posters is available for your company. Just send a request to Rebecca today. It will be in the mail the same day.

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DBE FOR SALE/TO BUY LOT **& SERVICES AVAILABLE**

If you would like to advertise equipment for sale or place an ad for equipment looking to buy and services your company may provide to other DBE companies— here is the place at no cost to you! Contact Rebecca with the information and it will be in the next newsletter.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Helena:

- Excel Fundamentals, October 24th, \$139.00 (National Seminar Group 1-800-258-7246)
- Accounts Receivable Policies, Recovering Bad Debt, September 24th, Free (SBA Program)
- Credit Repair, September 26th, Free (SBA Program)
- Lending/Loan Workshop, October 16th, Free (SBA)
- Pricing Your Product, October 24th, Free (SBA)

For business workshops check out the SBA Web Site at <http://www.sba.gov/mt/> and click on the word “calendar” on left side of screen. Most of the workshops/classes are free. At the Montana SBA web site some of the following workshops are listed for September:

- Excel Class, Helena, Sept 18-19
- Women’s Entrepreneurial Training – Billings Sept 18, Missoula Sept 20, Helena Sept 28, Great Falls Sept 26
- Business Start Up 101, Bozeman, Sept 20
- Nx Level Entrepreneurial Training

Another web site listing a calendar and resources for Montana businesses is Montana Business Connections developed by the University of Montana at:
<http://www.mbc.umt.edu/>

If you do not have Internet access, call Rebecca for further workshop information.

Highway Specialties, Inc. in Black Eagle can provide your business with magnetic company signs. Call Sue Platis at (406) 453-8525 or e-mail at kerryg@prodigy.net

Signs posted at Highway Specialties:



2001 Traffic Regulators Instruction Manual

Traffic control zone safety personnel should receive at minimum reading and understanding Traffic Regulators Instruction Manual. Call Local Technical Assistance Program office at 906-487-2102 to order Manual (\$1.20 each) or Video Tape (\$15.00 each).

Kelsi & Linda Maddox, Straight Arrow Construction, Inc.,
Great Falls, MT





Lisa Counts, Morning Star Trucking, Belgrade, MT

BONDING GUARANTY PROGRAM

US Department of Transportation program is available to DBE-certified companies to obtain bid, payment and performance bonds for transportation-related projects. USDOT guarantees 80% against losses on contracts up to \$1,000,000. It takes approximately 48 hours to get approval. Rebecca can send you general information or an application. For specific questions and technical assistance to complete application, call toll free 866-368-9378, USDOT Team West.

SHORT-TERM LENDING PROGRAM

US Department of Transportation has a loan program to provide short-term working capital at prime interest rates to DBE companies working on transportation related contracts. STLP provides one year of revolving line of credit (up to \$500,000) to bridge the period between receipt of contract funds and performance of contract work. Funds may be borrowed against each invoice of the contract being financed. Loan purpose is to meet short-term costs of performing the contract being financed, not for business start up costs, etc. Contact USDOT Team West 866-368-9378 if interested.

Please go to the following web site (Section III) for more information on these programs:
<http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/business/mp/miphtml.html>

Future Business Opportunities??

Two web sites with additional bid invitations for many services and products for the State of Montana. These sites are updated daily.

Department of Transportation Purchasing Web Site:
<http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/bids/bids.htm>

Department of Administration Purchasing Web Site:
<http://www.discoveringmontana.com/doa/ppd/ifbsrfps.htm>

For more information, you can view the Vendor Handbook On Line for doing business with the State of Montana at:
<http://www.discoveringmontana.com/doa/ppd/manualvendor.htm>

US DBE PROGRAM WEB SITE

The US Department of Transportation web site has posted information about the DBE program:
<http://osdbuweb.dot.gov/business/dbe/index.html>

Kara Todd and Rebecca Johnson at Highway Specialties, Inc., Black Eagle, MT



DBE COMPANY MONTHLY UPDATE
Recently DBE Certified Companies

- Exceltech Consulting, Inc., Santosh Kuruvilla, Olympia, WA
- Custom Fencing & Welding, Inc., Diana Youngquist, Sidney, MT
- Straight Arrow Construction, Inc., Kelsi Maddox, Great Falls, MT
- Janet Charbonneau, JCT Construction, Ballantine, MT

Great Maps For Sale!!

The Montana Department of Transportation Road Inventory and Mapping have all types of state, county, city maps and publications available for sale. Go to this web site for prices (reasonable) and full description. <ftp://ftp.mdt.state.mt.us/planning/mapbook.pdf>

MT DBE Program Logo

Want to win a PDA? Send in your ideas for a Program Logo today to Rebecca.

HELP BRING CONSTRUCTION INTO THE CLASSROOM

Your help is needed! Sponsor an AGC “On Site” or “Build Up” classroom kit for your child’s classroom or any school. The kit is \$185.00. On Site is for 6-7th grade and Build Up is for 5th grade level. Contact Gina Stinchfield at MCA Office 406-442-4162 or check the AGC web site at www.agc.org. Gina can provide you with a video to see the program in action. You are encouraged to take an active part and give a talk to the class about your career field. Thank you for your support.



Kara Todd and Sue Platis, Highway Specialties, Inc. Black Eagle, MT

DBE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Kara and Sue thought the internship program was a win-win experience for both of them. Kara learned valuable work skills and gained experience and Sue got a hard worker who quickly performed essential tasks. Kara and Sue have both provided great suggestions for program improvements. Around the first of 2002, requests for the internship program will be considered. This year’s goal is to place 3 students. Please let Rebecca know if you want to be part of the internship program or need further information.

COMMON SENSE- CONSTRUCTION LAW BOOKS

Get your free book! There are two more cases of Common Sense-Construction Law books to give away. Send Rebecca your book request today and the book will be in the mail the same day. Any business in construction would find this book helpful in understanding the legal terms and concepts and avoid common legal pitfalls.

Quote of the Month

“A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her.” David Brinkley

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Monthly Bid Tabulations:

View the prime contractors' bids on highway projects for the past year. Go to the following web site and click on monthly bid tabulation for selected date:

<http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm>

Contractor's Contact List:

View the address and phone number for contractors. Go to the following web site and click on contractor's list:

<http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm>

If you do not have Internet access, please contact Rebecca for assistance in getting this information.



Tour of MDT Materials Testing Lab for TBIC and TERO officers, September 6, 2001

FUTURE HIGHWAY BIDS??

To plan ahead, this web site lists the major transportation projects planned for Montana for the next three federal fiscal years:

<http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/planning/stip.html>

BIDDING SYSTEM SOFTWARE

At web site

<http://mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm> you may download Expedite 4.0b, The Electronic Bidding System software. It is useful for completion of bids to submit as prime contractor. The plan is to have all future bids submitted electronically to MDT in the next six months.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Contact the MDT Contract Plans Section at 406-444-6216 for these two publications:

- 1995 Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (\$10.00)
- 1999 Detailed Drawings – English & Metric Edition (\$20.00)



Presentation of Survey Equipment Technology at MDT Building in Helena, MT, Sept 6, 2001

Future Highway Projects Schedule

(Web Site Address: <http://www.mdt.state.mt.us/scripts/cntrct/contract.pl>)

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR LETTING OF SEPTMEBER 27, 2001 (ADVERTISING AUGUST 30, 2001)

THIS PROJECT SCHE DULE HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UNIFORM NO.	PROJECT NUMBER	DISTRICT FIN ADM	LOCAL DESIGNATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH MILES
1437	HDP-IR 9113(001) F	2 BUTTE	NORTH 19TH AVE. INTERCHANGE BOZEMAN	LANDSCAPING	
3888	IM 15-5(100)291	3 G.FLS.	VAUGHN - NORTH	RECONSTRUCT & STR	10.1
1212	NH 1-5(5)308 F	3 G.FLS.	LOTHAIR - EAST	RECONSTRUCTION	13.1
4138	PLH-STPS 323-1(13)62	4 GLDV.	ALZADA - NORTH	RECONSTRUCTION	10.0
3398	*BR 8-2(47)43 -	BUTTE	LYNDALE OVERPASS - HELENA	STRUCTURE	
2319	*STPU 5807(8) -	BUTTE	NORTH MAIN STREET - HELENA	G, GS, PMS, STRS	0.8

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR LETTING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2001 (ADVERTISING OCTOBER 11, 2001)

UNIFORM NO.	PROJECT NUMBER	DISTRICT FIN ADM	LOCAL DESIGNATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH MILES
2949	IM 0002(501)	3 G.FLS.	DIST 3-BRIDGE DECK IMPVT	BRIDGE DECK REHAB	
4113	IM 94-6(47)231	4 GLDV.	WIBAUX - E & W	MILL, FILL, OVERLAY, S & C	12.3
3791	NH-RAD-MT 98(01)	3 G.FLS.	MALMSTROM AFB ENTRANCE-GTF	REHAB INTERSECTION	
1743	NH 61-3(14)55	5 BLGS.	BOHEMIAN CORNER-SOUTH	MILL, FILL, OVERLAY, S & C	11.9
1831	STPP 84-4(9)22	2 BUTTE	FOUR CORNERS - WEST	G, GS, PMS	6.9
3999	BR 311-2(8)7	- BLGS.	BUCKINGHAM COULEE- 5 KM E MYERS	STR & APPRS	
3425	*BR 422-1(4)0	- BUTTE	JEFFERSON RIVER-SILVER STAR	STR. & APPRS.	
3372	*BR 422-1(5)3	- BUTTE	IRR CANAL-E OF SILVER STAR	STR. & APPRS.	
3981	BR 9022(22)	- BUTTE	BOULDER R - 6 KM E OF BASIN	STR & APPRS	

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR LETTING OF DECEMBER 6, 2001 (ADVERTISED NOVEMBER 8, 2001)

UNIFORM NO.	PROJECT NUMBER	DISTRICT FIN ADM	LOCAL DESIGNATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	LENGTH MILES
3587	#IM 90-3(83)163	1 MSLA.	GOLD CREEK - E & W	MILL, FILL, OVERLAY, S & C, ST	10.0
3097	#IM 90-3(79)173	1 BUTTE	GARRISON - BECK HILL	MILL, OVERLAY, S & C	7.4
3097	#IM 90-3(80)180	1 BUTTE	BECK HILL - DEER LODGE (WB)	MILL, OVERLAY, S & C	8.6
2958	IM 15-5(99)277	3 G.FLS.	GORE HILL INTERCHANGE - GTF	RECONSTRUCTION	
3858	NH 5-2(95)47	1 MSLA.	RONAN TRAFFIC SIGNALS	SIGNALS, INT IMPVTS	
3455	NH 7-2(37)83	1 MSLA.	PORTABLE SCALE SITES-MSLA	MCS SCALE SITES	
4011	NH 11-1(37)31	2 BUTTE	TURNBAY - EMIGRANT	TURN BAYS	0.6
1397	STPP 56-1(3)0	1 MSLA.	BULL LAKE - SOUTH	WIDEN, PMS OVERLAY	16.5
3111	*STPHS-STPP 0002(454)	- MSLA.	1994-SAFETY IMPVT-SOMERS AREA	REALIGNMENT, TURN BAYS	
3406	STPHS-BR 5809(14)	- BUTTE	N MONTANA AVE - TURN LANE	WIDEN, STR, TURN LANES	1.4
3978	BR 9032(33)	- MSLA.	SWANRIVER - W OF CONDON	STR & APPRS	
3434	BR 419-1(9)21	- BLGS.	W. FK. STILLWATER STRUCTURES	STR & APPRS	
3862	*SFCP-STPHS 82-1(3)1	- MSLA.	SOMERS - EAST	WIDEN, OVERLAY &/OR S & C	4.6

Current Montana Transportation Department Highway Construction Projects

For the quickest and most complete notification information of these projects as they are advertised for bid, go to the web site <http://mdt.state.mt.us/cntrct/contract.htm> and click on Invitation for Bids. While the newsletter has notices posted, do not reply on this information alone.

Invitation for Bids, Letting of September 27, 2001

Sealed bids on the following projects will be received by the Montana State Department of Transportation-Highways Division, Contract Plans Section, Room 101, 2701 Prospect, Helena, MT until 9:00am on September 27, 2001. The bids being publicly opened and read thereafter at 10:00am in the Department's auditorium. Bids proposals, plans, cross-sections, dirt runs if available, and full instructions to bidders are on file for examination, and may be obtained from the Contract Plans Section or go to web site <ftp://ftp.mdt.state.mt.us/contract/orderform.pdf> for order form. These documents may be requested by FAX (406) 444-7236, by mail or by calling (406) 444-6216, 6212 or 6215.

- 1. Federal Aid Project No. IM 15-5(100)291** Grade, aggregate surface, cold milling, plant mix bituminous surfacing, seal & cover to rehabilitate the surfacing section, and repair of five bridges on 16.2 kilometers of the Vaughn-North project on Interstate 15 in Cascade County. Contract to be completed in 240 Working Days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$11,000,000 and \$14,000,000. The DBE contract goals are 3.0%. Cost of plans and proposal \$12.00 per set.
- 2. Federal Aid Project No. NH 1-5(5)308F** Grade, gravel, plant mix bituminous surface and seal & cover on 21.6 kilometers of the Lothair – East road in Liberty County. Contract to be completed in 180 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The DBE contract goals are 3.5%. Cost of plans and proposal \$11.00 per set.
- 3. Federal Aid Project Nos. BR8-2(47)43 & STPU 5807(8)**

BR8-2(47)43 - Grading, gravel, plant mix surfacing, pedestrian underpass, water, sewer and signalization on 0.4 kilometers of the Lyndale Overpass-Helena project in Lewis & Clark County. The project is on Lyndale Avenue beginning near the intersection with Kessler Street and extends east near the intersection with Last Chance Gulch.

STPU 5807(8) – Grading, gravel, plant mix surfacing, pedestrian underpass, a 43.31 meter prestressed concrete beam structure, water, sewer and signalization on 1.3 kilometers of the North Main Street-Helena project in Lewis & Clark County. The project is on North Main Street beginning at the intersection with Lyndale Avenue and extends northeast to the intersection with Montana Avenue. A mandatory pre-bid conference will head at Wednesday, September 12, 2001 at 1:00pm in the MDT Auditorium in Helena. Attendance at this conference is mandatory for any contractor to submit a bid as a prime. Contract to be completed in 120 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$5,000,000 and \$8,000,000. The DBE contract goals are 5.5%. Cost of plans and proposal \$15.00 per set.
- 4. Federal Aid Project No. PLH-STPS 323-1(13)62** Grading and gravel surfacing on 16.1 kilometer of the Alzada-North road, Montana Secondary 323 in Carter County. The project begins at the intersection of US 212 and Montana Secondary 323 at Alzada and extends north and east. Contract to be completed in 150 working days. The estimated construction of this project is between \$3,000,000 and \$6,000,000. The DBE goals are 6.0%. Cost of plans and proposal \$10.00 per set.
- 5. Federal Aid Project No. HDP-IR 9113(001)F** Landscaping on the North 19th Interchange project in Gallatin County. The project is located just east of the intersection of North 19th and Spring Hill Road. Contract to be completed in 30 working days. The estimated construction cost of this project is between \$30,000 and \$60,000. The DBE goals are 0%. Cost of plans and proposals \$10.00 per set.

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