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2007 Annual DBE Meeting “Building Bridges of Opportunity” *It just keeps getting better!*



Cammie Davenport Woodle, Director of the TDOT Civil Rights Office presents the TDOT Bridge Award to Prime Contractor Highways, Inc. accepted by Melinda Schoch, for their achievement on the Dean's List for highest utilization of DBEs for 2006.



Commissioner Nicely congratulates the Civil Rights Office on the achievements and progress of the TDOT DBE Program and vows to continue his support of the DBE goals set on all TDOT Highway and Road projects.



David Donoho, Director of Construction joined in the statewide TDOT DBE Prime Contractor Matchmaker event which is a very popular feature of the DBE Annual Meeting.



Ross Webb, TDOT DBE Certification Coordinator discusses Enhancement Grant opportunities at the Matchmaker Event.

TDOT Building Bridges



Registration made easy by the Business Resource Group Team: Pictured L-R: Sonya Sanford, Bonnie Daniels, Audrey King and Renise Holliday.



Jim Curry the new DBE Coordinator for the TDOT Aeronautics Division, discusses opportunities with Baffin Harper Sr. and Baffin Harper Jr. of B & B Lawn Services which operates in Knoxville Region 1.



Derek Young, President of Bridges Academy, Keynote Speaker of the Awards Luncheon inspires DBEs and Prime Contractors to move out of their comfort zones and

establish win-win partnerships that positively impact TDOT and the state. He emphasized that relationships come before results and that DBEs and Prime Contractors must be visionaries, go fishing in new ponds and be the solution for the future success of the TDOT DBE Program. By the end of his presentation everyone in the room were on their feet and excited about the new opportunities and new ways to work together.

BRG Building Bridges



Brian Egan and Dean Tucker of the TDOT Construction Department accept the TDOT Bridge Award from Cammie Davenport Woodle on behalf of David Donaho.



“TDOT and NCDOT working together” Pictured L-R: Franketta Guinn, BRG; Cammie Davenport Woodle; Queen Crittenden, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Director of Civil Rights and Business Development and Carol Crawley, BRG



Joi Hamilton Jones, Civil Rights Specialist, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

DBEs Building Bridges



*Myllinda Sammons,
Tristate Guardrail*



Michael Tucker, Sunago Builders



*Mac Ghassemi, Ghassemi Engineering
Consultants, and Jan Hawkins, 4J
Construction, Inc.*



*Kim Willis, Columbia Construction and Renise
Holliday, BRG*



*Diane Edmundson, VEGA Concrete and
Charles Lee, The Rogers Group.*



*Dwayne Scott of SRS, Inc. was the winner of the DBE
Bridge Award, as well as the presenter of the bidding
and estimating workshop.*



WELCOME ~ NEWLY CERTIFIED DBEs



Cap-Tee-Vation, Inc.

Joy Humphreys
Johnson City, TN
Market Research
Region 1

Lynn Sanford Construction, LLC

Mary L. Forrester
Maryville, TN
General construction contractor
Region 1

Production Components, Inc.

Ted Duke
Clinton, TN
Wholesale parts & materials;
manufacture crates & pallets
Region 1

Gibco Construction

Cleveland, TN
Region 2

Globus Solutions, LLC

Tim Cole
Nolensville, TN
Custom computer programming services
Region 3

The Bernard Johnson Group, Inc.

Bernard Johnson
LaMesa, CA
Real Estate Property & Prop. Mgmt.
Out of State

Clifton, Weiss & Associates, Inc.

Elizabeth Clifton
Gwynedd Valley, PA
Wired telecommunications carriers
Out of State

Excalibur Drilling, Inc.

Lori Sue Goehring
Woodstock, GA
Water & sewer line, testing labs
Out of State

Nissi Group, Inc.

W. Kenneth Gordon
Port Tobacco, MD
NEC (Transportation Mgmt. & Fixed
route, Para-Transit Systems)
Out of State

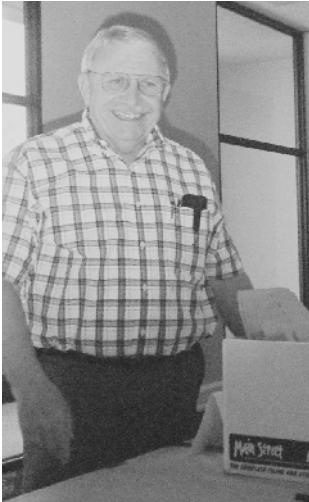
Refill Tech Services, Inc.

Chia-Ling Wu
Rockville, MD
Toner cartridges rebuilding; cartridge toner
wholesalers
Out of State

ReStl Designers, Inc.

Kishor S. Mehta
Gaithersburg, MD
Mgmt. Services, Architectural Services,
Engineering Services
Out of State

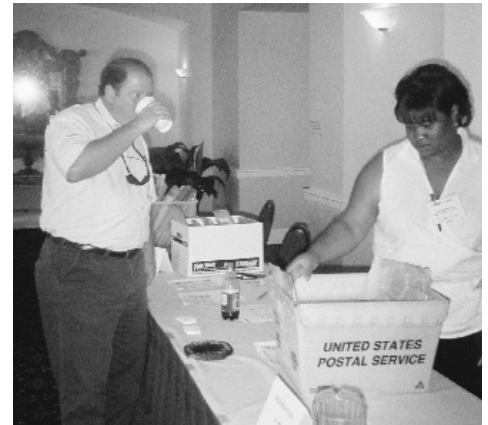
TRBA & TDOT Prime Contractors Building Bridges



T. D. Holler, Lojac, Inc.



Steve Wright, Wright Construction, Inc.



Jay Canada, Dement Construction and Sonya Sanford, BRG



Todd Carson, C & D Safety, TRBA Board Chairman and seated L-R: Steve Wright of Wright Construction and Queen Crittenden, NCDOT Director of Civil Rights and Business Development, who served as Facilitator of the Panel on “Challenges Facing DBEs, Prime Contractors and State Transportation Agencies (STAs)”.



Allen Blalock and Allen Thompson, Blalock and Sons, Inc.



Prime Contractors participating in the TDOT Matchmaking Event.

Governor Bredesen Awards \$4 million in Enhancement Grants 34 Local Community Projects Awarded Grants to Enhance Transportation Infrastructure

Nashville, Tenn. - Governor Phil Bredesen has awarded eight west Tennessee communities with transportation enhancement grants made available with federal funds. Governor Bredesen and TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely presented the grant awards to representatives from McKenzie, Somerville, Brownsville, Parkers Crossroads, Ripley, Jackson, Union City and Brighton during a special ceremony at the Capitol. “TDOT has helped fund approximately \$200 million in transportation related projects in more than 180 communities through the Enhancement Grant Program,” said TDOT Commissioner Nicely.



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