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THIS MONTH IN *THE DB MESSENGER*...

With Veterans Day just around the corner, The Diverse Business Supportive Services Center is dedicating this month's *DB Messenger* to the brave men and women who served in the armed forces. Thank you for your service and your sacrifices!

To celebrate veterans, The Small Business Administration (SBA) kicks off National Veterans Small Business Week.



There are [plenty of events](#) veterans can attend this week, as well as [SBA resources](#) specifically for veterans that can be accessed through [sba.gov](#) and even an opportunity to share your small business journey with the world using [#MyVetBiz](#). Be sure to follow SBA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

DB FACTS

A Diverse business is a business that is at least 51% owned by one or more of the following entities: women, minorities, veterans & disabled veterans.

The benefits of becoming a certified DB include increased business visibility, maximized potential for contracting opportunities, and partnering opportunities with other DB firms on PennDOT projects.

DB SSC offers FREE services including onsite assistance, networking events, ECMS training, business partner registration assistance and notification of contracting opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Doing Business with PennDOT workshops:

November 16 – [Chamber of Northern Poconos](#) - Hawley

[PennDOT Outreach Sessions](#) (see page 2)

November 4 – [PennDOT Riverfront Office Center](#)

November 7 – [Carnegie Borough Administration Building](#)

DB OPPORTUNITIES

PennDOT is soliciting prequalifying vendors for the next Rented Equipment ITQ (see page 2-3)

PG 5: PARBR bid proposal for PC Box Culvert Fabrication & Delivery
Reply Date (see page 4)
November 4

Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners Rapid Bridge Project Letting Dates
November 10

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Dear Vendor:

The Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will be soliciting and prequalifying vendors for the next Rented Equipment ITQ. The current Rented Equipment ITQ will expire on August 31, 2017.

This contract is used for the rental of highway and other equipment (e.g. chippers, compressors, crushers, cranes, bulldozers, excavators, loaders, mowers, patchers, skid steers, snow plows, sweepers, trucks, etc.) with and without operators. Interested vendors can seek pre-qualification for one or more types of equipment in one or more counties.

It is the Department's intent to have the new ITQ advertised later this year to allow sufficient time to qualify vendors and issue requests for quotes as early as May of 2017 for work beginning the Winter of 2017.

PennDOT will be holding voluntary regional outreach sessions to discuss the procurement process changes and requirements and to provide guidance to interested vendors. The dates, locations and times for the outreach sessions are as follows:

Where	When	Time
PennDOT Engineering District 6-0 7000 Geerdes Boulevard King of Prussia, PA 19406 Conference Rooms 203A & 203B	Monday, October 31, 2016	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
PennDOT Riverfront Office Center 1101 South Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104 Conference Room 408	Friday, November 4, 2016	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Carnegie Borough Administration Building 1 Veterans Way Carnegie, PA 15106	Monday, November 7, 2016	12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

PennDOT representatives, along with our Diverse Business Supportive Services consultant (Cheyney University), will present the following topics and be available to answer your questions:

- Overview of the new Rented Equipment ITQ
- Supplier Registration with the Commonwealth (SAP)

Office of the Deputy Secretary for Administration
400 North Street | Harrisburg, PA 17120 | 717.787.5628 | www.penndot.gov

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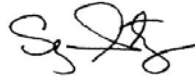
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- DGS ITQ Web Site
- Diverse Business Supportive Services Center Resources

If you plan to attend one of these sessions, please RSVP by email, no later than October 24, 2016 to RA-PDRentedEquipITQ@pa.gov and include your company name, address, phone number, email address, primary contact and the number of people attending.

Thank you for your consideration in doing business with PennDOT.

Sincerely,



Suzanne H. Itzko
Deputy Secretary for Administration

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Pennsylvania Rapid Bridge Replacement Project - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Date of Request: Thursday, September 29, 2016

Reply Date (No later than): Friday, November 4, 2016

Region: Statewide (Pennsylvania)

PWKP Contact Person Name: Curtis Reppert, Walsh Construction

PWKP Contact Person E-mail: creppert@walshgroup.com

Request for Proposal (RFP) Title: [RFP 09292016 – Fabrication, Delivery and Erection of Precast Box Culverts](#)

RFP Scope: Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) is offering procurement opportunities for design, fabrication, delivery and erection of precast concrete culverts for its Pennsylvania Rapid Bridge Replacement Project. Currently PWKP is seeking pricing proposals, in compliance with PennDOT Pub 408M, PKWP-070 Standard for Box Culverts and Pub 218M-BD632M for:

- Design, fabricate, deliver and erect precast box culverts for 20 various structures.
- Delivery to 20 project sites state wide from March 2017 through June 2018
- Package 3 Design Drawings are included in the bid packages.

Instructions to Bidders: Partial bids for one or more culverts will be accepted.

PWKP urges qualified firms including DBE, MBE, WBE and SBE firms to submit their proposal for review. Because of the diverse geographic nature of the project PWKP will accept joint qualification proposals from qualified firms on both a regional and statewide basis.

PWKP will evaluate the pricing proposal and award the contract based on best value. PWKP will notify all firms that respond to this RFP, which firm was awarded the contract related to this RFP.

Please reply to this RFP, with this completed form, to receive pricing proposal documents. In the title of your e-mail please use: [RFP 09292016 – Fabrication, Delivery and Erection of Precast Box Culverts.](#)





















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Pennsylvania RBR Bridge Letting Dates on 11/10/2016

ID	LOCATION	DISTRICT	COUNTY	DETAILS
● #017	CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP	1	Venango	
● #051	MCALISTERVILLE	2	Juniata	
● #054	MCALISTERVILLE	2	Juniata	
● #056	OAKLAND MILLS	2	Juniata	
● #240	MCCREA	8	Cumberland	
● #241	Spanglers Mill over Yellow Breeches Ck	8	Cumberland	
● #242	MONTSERA	8	Cumberland	
● #243	2 MI.N. OF SHIPPENSBURG	8	Cumberland	
● #244	WASHINGTON	8	Cumberland	
● #315	2 MI.N.OF BREEZEWOOD	9	Bedford	
● #318	Village Of QUEEN	9	Bedford	
● #327	0.2 MILE EAST OF TR 26	9	Fulton	
● #346	0.5 MILE EAST OF SR 1005	9	Somerset	
● #348	BEACHLY	9	Somerset	
● #351	0.99 MILE NORTH FROM PA 160	9	Somerset	
● #396	@ Intersection W/SR 0910 Bridge	11	Allegheny	
● #428	2644'N.E.OF LR02310	11	Allegheny	
● #435	200'N.of Entrance Drive	11	Allegheny	
● #445	100' N.E. of SR 3053	11	Allegheny	
● #564	S of Lisburn on Spangler Mill, mill race (Y.B.)	8	Cumberland	

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CALLING ALL VETERAN/DISABLED VETERAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES!

Need assistance with securing state-funded-contracts? Want to work with PennDOT?
We can help!



The Diverse Business Supportive Services Center is a shared initiative between Cheyney University and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation aimed at helping women-owned, minority-owned, and/or veteran/disabled veteran-owned small businesses acquire state-funded transportation related contracts.

Join our cohort and receive:

- ECMS Training
- PennDOT Business Partner Registration assistance
- Prequalification and Consultant Qualification Packages assistance
- Notification of contracting opportunities
- Entrance to networking events with Primes and other small businesses across Pennsylvania
- Onsite assistance

Interested?

Contact us for more information on how you can get started!



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CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS

-  [National Minority Supplier Dev. Council](#)
-  [Women's Business Enterprise Council](#)
-  [Small Business Administration](#)
-  [Department of Veteran Affairs](#)
-  [Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program](#)

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BUSINESS TIPS

[Choosing the Best Small Business Loan for You](#)

Published by: [Fundera](#)

Fundera compiled a checklist of 5 essential facts and resources when securing funding for your businesses.

-  Define What You Can Afford
-  The Role Credit Plays in Small Business Loans
-  Know What Small Business Loan Products Are Available to You
-  Applying for and Closing Your Business Loan
-  Managing a Small Business Loan Like a Pro

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