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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE BUSINESSES,
PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

The Diverse Business Messenger is a monthly newsletter provided by the Diverse Business Supportive Services Center at Cheyney University. The intention of this monthly publication is to keep you in touch with news and developments related to PennDOT and P3 related state-funded transportation and construction contracts and subcontracts. In addition, we also list any upcoming events and workshops within the state and if applicable, any bid opportunities.

About Us

The DB Supportive Services Center (DBSSC) located on the campus of Cheyney University is a shared initiative between PennDOT and Cheyney University.

The Center seeks to increase DB participation on PennDOT highway contracts and subcontracts through trainings and workshops and to provide technical assistance to those interested in contracting with PennDOT. The University administers the DB supportive Services Program of Pennsylvania and offers the following services free of charge:

- ◆ ECMS Support
- ◆ Business Partner Registration
- ◆ Pre-qualification and Consultant Qualification Package Assistance
- ◆ Tech Support
- ◆ Networking opportunities



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How to become a certified Diverse Business

Firms must be certified by a third-party certifying organization before they can be verified as a Diverse Business. Third-party organizations include:

Eastern Minority Supplier Development Center - www.nmsdc.org

Women's Business Enterprise Council - www.wbecouncil.org

The Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov

The United States Department of Veteran Affairs — www.va.gov

The Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (PA UCP) - www.paucp.com



What Is The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project?

Project Description

This Public Private Partnership (P3) project was recently awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to the PWKP consortium. The Commonwealth is taking advantage of the new P3 tool signed into law in 2012 to begin a new initiative to address the state's nearly 4,500 Structurally Deficient (SD) bridges. With the P3 approach, we can replace hundreds of these bridges more quickly; save money; and minimize the impact on the traveling public.

Project Goals

Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners (PWKP) will replace 558 aging bridges in just three years, completing construction by the end of 2017. The bridges are primarily crossings on smaller state highways, many in rural areas, rather than interstate bridges or large river crossings. The team's proposal was selected based on scoring that considered cost, financial capability to carry out the project, background and experience in managing comparable projects, and understanding of the project.

The majority of design, construction, financing, and maintenance risks over the 28 year term are the responsibility of PWKP, who will deliver the replacement bridges for an average cost for design, construction and maintenance per bridge of \$1.6 million. PennDOT has estimated that if the work had been performed under PennDOT's standard contracting process, the cost to design, construct and maintain a bridge for 28 years would average more than \$2 million.



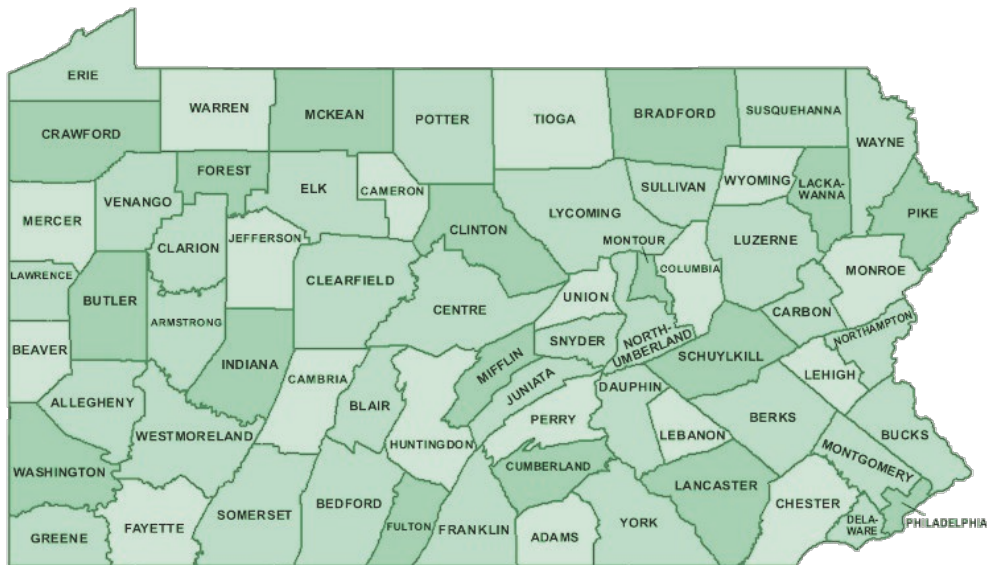
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Project Experience

PWKP's team members have local and national experience developing, designing, constructing, and maintaining large-scale projects. PWKP's team also has in-depth local knowledge and experience working with PennDOT and local governmental entities on hundreds of bridge replacements throughout the Commonwealth. A large scale public outreach program will be implemented prior to the start of construction to provide the public with information about which bridges will be affected, how long the impacts will last and what the detour routes will be during construction. A series of meetings to provide outreach to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) community are also being scheduled so smaller subcontractors can find out how they can get involved in the project.



A list of county bridges can be found on the PA Rapid Bridge website:
www.papidbridges.com

Who Is Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners?

The Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners consortium consists of both local and world class companies experienced in delivering major public infrastructure works. Plenary Group USA Ltd. and Walsh Investors, LLC will provide financing and long-term management for the project, while the construction work will be led by a joint venture team of Walsh Construction Company and Granite Construction Company. HDR, Inc. will be the team's lead designer and Walsh Infrastructure Management will provide bridge maintenance over the life of the 25-year contract. Eleven different Pennsylvania based construction companies have already been subcontracted to do much of the work, and many more opportunities will be made available as the project goes forward.



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Upcoming Trainings & Events

March 17-18, 2015| Event

Topic: Getting Ready for Primetime

Location: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Ten Independence Mall

Philadelphia, PA 19106

Time: 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (March 17th)

Time: 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m. (March 18th)

Contact: RSVP: penndbe@cheyney.edu to request registration form

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WHAT IS (P3) PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIPS?

A P3 project is a contractual agreement between a public entity and private entity that:

- Transfers the responsibility of a facility's engineering, construction, operation and/or maintenance to the private sector for a defined period of time;
- Allows the private sector to perform by contract a service previously provided by the public sector; and
- Ensures the private firm receives payments either from existing revenue sources or through the collection of new tolls or user fees.

For more information on P3, visit:

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/Internet/P3info.nsf/P3Home?>



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