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The Diverse Business (DB) Supportive Services Center is a shared initiative between Cheyney University of PA and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.*
**Happy Summer!**

Big News -

The DB Supportive Services Center has a new Director. Saheed Sims comes from a Higher Education and Healthcare background having worked for such organizations as Drexel University and Independence Blue Cross.

At Drexel University Saheed was an Admission and Enrollment consultant integral assisting with the bolstering of numbers in enrollment for the Drexel University Online platform. At Independence Blue Cross he served as a Medicare member services liaison, as a service representative between the elderly population and the insurance company, attending various town halls and focus groups.

Saheed holds a Bachelor's degree in management and a Master's degree in law.

**Message from Saheed Sims:**

On behalf of the DB SSC I want to extend a warm greeting on behalf of myself and the organization. It is my greatest hope that we can continue to produce great results by assisting, facilitating and hosting events that offer the best opportunity to grow small businesses to compete for contract and subcontractor bids.

As I begin to take over the position and developing new and old relationships please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or my staff for assistance. We look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Saheed Sims, Director
DB Supportive Services Center
Events/Workshops & Trainings

National Summer Transportation Institute @ Cheyney University
July 9 – 20, 2018 | Cheyney University | 9 am to 4 pm, Weekdays
The National Summer Transportation Institute is a transportation-focused career awareness initiative designed to introduce secondary school students to all modes of transportation-related careers, provide academic enhancement activities and encourage students to pursue transportation-related courses of study at the college/university level. The program has been completed. If you would like to join the mailing list for information and news about next year’s program, please email Dominique Smiley at dsmiley@cheyney.edu.

NEW! Mentor Series
September (Dates TBA) | Philadelphia & Pittsburgh
The Mentor Series is a panel discussion of successful firms that have bid on contracts with the city, state, and federal governments respectively and their experiences in the process. There will be a question and answer period and as well as a demonstration of the bidding process. Information will be made known once it is available.

CDL Course
Register Now!
Cheyney University, PennDOT, and Jonesway Trucking will present a CDL course for interested truckers. You must email Tanya Morris at tmorris@cheyney.edu for a registration form.
FYI

Business Partner Registration Instructions:
You will need to access the ECMS website at http://www.dot14.state.pa.us/ECMS/ to begin the online application.

*Instructions for ECMS Registration:
Click the Guest link under the Links section to log in as an ECMS guest. Click business partner in the top left toolbar, then select business partner registration (you will need to click on the “Show All Content” Button). Fill out the online portion [5 tabs at the top of the page-please complete all 5 before hitting submit] and mail in the PDF file (attached here for your convenience). There are only 4 pages of the document that gets sent; the rest are instructions and definitions. After you submit these applications, PennDOT will assign you a login for ECMS (Engineering and Construction Management System).

PLEASE NOTE: The website is only compatible with Internet Explorer 11. It will not load correctly in Chrome, Firefox, or any other format. If you have trouble with this, please call the PennDOT IT Service Desk numbers at: (717) 783 8330 or (855) 783 8330, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM.

NEW| DB Verification Forms
PennDOT has created a new DB verification process that confirms active DB certifications with the state. If you are a certified DB in the state of Pennsylvania and intend on doing business with PennDOT or other firms through ECMS, you must fill out the form. You can access the form on our website at http://www.padbssc.com/resources/db-verification/. After completing the form, please email it to the email listed on the document and copy dsmiley@cheyney.edu. When your certification has been confirmed, you will receive a letter from PennDOT. If you have any questions regarding this process, don’t hesitate to contact us!

Contact Changes in ECMS
To make contact information (mail, phone, fax, email, etc.) changes appear in ECMS, business partners must coordinate with the Business Partner Registration Office. Please direct those changes to Melanie Richardson at (717) 705-1501.
Spotlight

[Your Business Name Here]

We are looking to promote diverse businesses who are excelling in their industries – plus: FREE PROMOTION!

The Business Spotlight is for diverse businesses like you to not only promote your business, but also to boast your business’ success!

Here’s how to get on the Business Spotlight page:

- You must be a part of the DB cohort (contact us for more information).
- You must be a certified Diverse Business.
- You must be registered to work with PennDOT or be in the process of registering.
- You must have had a one-on-one consultation or training course with one of the Supportive Services Centers.

That’s it!

Email dsmiley@cheeyney.edu if you would like to be on our Business Spotlight page.
Beaver County Transit Authority
Access the Bidder List Data Form here: https://bcta.com/bidders-list-data-form/

CamTran
Invitation to Bid: Construction of a Building and Grounds Office
CamTran is looking for bids to construct an internal Building & Grounds office within the existing Camtran building. Please note – not all opportunities are posted on the website, so please contact Tom Sylvia at tsylvia@camtranbus.com for more info. | Due by: August 3rd, 2018 @ 1 pm. Access bid and more information here: http://www.camtranbus.com/wp-content/uploads/IFBBGoffice07182018.pdf

South Central Transit Authority
Invitation to Bid: Barta Bus Storage Expansion
This project includes the construction of a 33,000 square foot expansion of the existing bus storage facility and the existing bus storage facility will receive upgrades. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents can be obtained by contacting Assistant Construction Manager Lindsay Klotz of Michael Baker International via email at Lindsay.Klotz@mbakerintl.com. | Due By: April 23rd, 2018 @ 2 pm. Access bid and more information here: https://www.sctapa.com/business-center/procurement-sales

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