



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Outreach fair gives firms platform to explore work opportunities with MWRD

Next fair set for Nov. 17 at Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Chicago, 8 a.m. to noon



In the photos: MWRD Commissioners and staff discuss future work opportunities with participants during the annual vendor outreach fair, entitled "Cooperate, Collaborate, Participate" held at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights Sept. 10. Another fair will be held on Tues., Nov. 17 at the Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Chicago, 8 a.m. to noon.

More than 160 participants joined the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and dozens of firms and government agencies to learn about future work opportunities during the annual vendor outreach fair, entitled "Cooperate, Collaborate, Participate" held at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights Sept. 10. Another fair will be held on Tues., Nov. 17 at the Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Chicago, 8 a.m. to noon

The networking events allow firms from local Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Busi-

ness Enterprises (WBE) and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) to learn how to expand and maximize business opportunities and secure contracts with the MWRD.

"We thank everyone who attended and made this event possible," said MWRD Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee, who provided welcoming remarks to attendees. "We at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago strive to provide a fair, inclusive and transparent process that promotes diversity and excellence in

the workplace as we pursue improving water quality and prevent flooding in Cook County."

Qualified business owners seeking to register as a potential vendor with the MWRD learned more about the process at the vendor outreach event. Promising vendors listened to various presentations from MWRD officials and met with MWRD department heads and prime contractors and prime consultants, while also visiting with other government agencies about other work opportunities.

The MWRD's Diversity Program is *(continued)*



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designed to increase and ensure the full and equitable participation of businesses owned by minorities, women and/or small businesses in MWRD's procurement activities. By following six easy steps, interested vendors can begin securing contracts with the MWRD first by registering online at

www.mwr.org, followed by receiving invitations to bid, submitting bids based on contract documents, earning bid selection, gaining MWRD Board of Commissioner approval and then going to work. To learn more about working with the MWRD, call (312) 751-4035 or visit www.mwr.org.

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