



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Second vendor outreach event connects firms to MWRD opportunity

- WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)
- WHAT:** The MWRD is hosting a second outreach fair this fall that will allow contractors and vendors the opportunity to network and receive training to prepare for work with the MWRD.
- WHERE:** Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Chicago, IL
- WHEN:** Tuesday, November 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Qualified business owners seeking to register as a potential vendor with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) can learn more about the process at the vendor outreach event at Gleacher Center. Contractors, consultants, subcontractors and potential vendors are urged to attend, meet with MWRD officials and other firms and learn how to register as a vendor and secure a contract with the MWRD. The event aims to expand and maximize business opportunities for local Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE) and Small Business Enterprises (SBE).

More than 160 participants joined the MWRD to learn about future work opportunities at a vendor outreach fair held at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights on Sept. 10. The event entitled "Cooperate, Collaborate, Participate," brought together dozens of firms and government agencies along with MWRD officials to expose smaller

firms to the various opportunities to grow business.

"We thank everyone who attended and made our first event possible and look forward to gathering again in November," said MWRD Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee. "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 water quality improvements and prevent flooding in Cook County."

To register, please call (312) 751-4035. Walk-ins are welcome; however, participants are encouraged to download and complete an MWRD vendor application prior to the event and bring a current Letter of Certification. For more information regarding contract opportunities, visit [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org).

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