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# Press Release

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## MWRD Commissioner Kari K. Steele helps open 51st Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair



MWRD Commissioner Kari K. Steele, far right, cuts the opening day ribbon at the 51st Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair.



(L-R): Isiah Thomas, former Detroit Pistons player; Sheila Morgan, President of Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council (CMSDC); Mark Hands, co-chair of the CMSDC Board of Directors; Debra Jennings-Johnson, BP America; MWRD Commissioner Kari K. Steele; and George Williams, PMI Energy Solutions.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner Kari K. Steele joined other officials in cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the 51st Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair (CBOF) held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago on April 25.

The CBOF is the longest running multi-day conference and trade fair that focuses on economic empowerment of minority business enterprises.

The event has its origins in 1967 when it was called Business Opportunity Day. It has achieved great suc-

cess in increasing interactions between corporations and minority-owned businesses.

“This is definitely an important endeavor, and I am glad to support this event,” said Commissioner Steele. “The fair offers a unique channel for minority businesses, corporations and government agencies to meet and pursue partnerships.”

CBOF provides a spotlight on the strategic benefits of supplier diversity. Each year over 1,000 certified minority-owned businesses, buying organizations and advocates within supplier diversity participate in this two-day conference.

### Recovering Resources, Transforming Water

Established in 1889, the MWRD ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.