GNEMSDC NEWSLETTER
February 15, 2017

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GNEMSDC MBEIC AWARDS PROGRAM: Call for Nominations

These photos are from the 2016 GNEMSDC Awards Gala

2017 GNEMSDC MBEIC AWARDS PROGRAM - NEW FOR 2017

GNEMSDC and the MBE Input Committee have worked diligently to enhance the annual awards program for corporate buyers and our certified MBEs. In response to many conversations and specific suggestions, the following changes have been implemented for 2017:

All certified MBEs in GNEMSDC will participate in the final selection of corporate award recipients. All MBE award recipients will receive recognition beyond the awards program presentation including:

- Coverage in a special edition of GNEMSDC newsletter to acknowledge winners.
- Publicity targeted to Boston, Hartford, Stamford and New Haven Metro area media.
- Sponsorship for the 2017 annual NMSDC Conference for a single MBE award recipient.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2017 AWARDS PROGRAM

Who Can You Nominate?

- Corporate members can nominate certified MBEs.
- Certified MBEs can nominate local or national corporate members.
- Certified MBEs can self-nominate.
- MBEs are encouraged to ask corporate member clients to consider them as nominees if they feel their performance with the corporation has been outstanding.
When Will Nominations Begin For The 2017 Program?
- We will begin to accept nominations on Thursday, February 16th. All nominations are due by Thursday, February 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

What Awards Will Be Presented And When Will Nominees Be Notified?
- Corporate award categories are:
  - Corporation of The Year - National
  - Corporation of The Year - Local
  - LEAD Award
  - MBE-To-MBE Empowerment Award
  - Advocate of The Year
  - Buyer of The Year
- Supplier award categories are:
  - Supplier of the year - Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4

What Criteria Will Be Used To Select Award Recipients?
- The awards program is based on excellent performance.
- All nominees are asked to respond to a questionnaire that provides details about their performance.
- Based on those metrics, a recipient is selected.
- All MBEs will receive a brief summary of the response from all the corporate nominees and will be asked to make their selection for the award recipient from that information.

Please consider the MBEs and corporations with whom you do business and nominate those that are deserving. We wish to have all participate in the program this year!!

Please read full process and requirements on the Awards Program information form by [clicking here](http://www.gnemscd.org).

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Save the Date - GNEMSDC MBEIC Awards Luncheon
Thursday, April 6
Please join us this year as we mark the 42nd anniversary of GNEMSDC and celebrate excellence in supplier diversity among Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and GNEMSDC Corporate Members. The GNEMSDC MBEIC 2017 Awards Luncheon is an opportunity for us to honor the successes of minority businesses and recognize the importance of minority business development and growth. We hope to see you all there for an afternoon of good food, networking, and recognizing supplier diversity as a vital tool to grow our economy.

The awards luncheon is part of the annual GNEMSDC sponsorship package.

For Sponsorship information: Corporations click here and MBEs click here.

**Date:** Thursday, April 6, 11:30 am - 2 pm

**Location:** Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701

**To purchase tickets:** Eventbrite Link **For MBE and corporate sponsors please refer to email for steps regarding registration and tickets.**

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**Save the Date! 2017 Supplier Diversity Golf Classic**

**Friday, July 28**

The GNEMSDC Supplier Diversity Golf Classic is a unique opportunity to build new and lasting business relationships with colleagues, suppliers, corporate executives, supplier diversity and procurement professionals. In addition to relationship building, a portion of the proceeds from the Classic will be used to provide scholarships for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) executives to attend advanced education training programs.

The 2017 Supplier Diversity Classic will be at the Stow Acres Country Club in Stow, Massachusetts. Stow Acres hosted the first African American national tournament in 1926. At the time, Stow Acres was one of the only platforms where talented, Black golfers had a space to exercise their skill and come together in harmony and strength, despite the pressure of segregated America.

For more information on the relationship between golf and Black history please click here.

**Date:** Friday, July 28

**Location:** Stow Acres Country Club, 58 Randall Road, Stow, MA 01775

**RSVP:** Details coming soon!
Registration Open: Offering Rolling Registration!
MassDOT's Capacity Development Training Program

MassDOT and GNEMSDC are offering a Capacity Development Program to address the needs of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) engaged in the highway construction-related work. The program is designed to increase the growth and development of DBE firms engaged in highway construction.

Benefits include access to key MassDOT staff and to a network of local primes seeking subcontractors; a certificate of completion positioning you for a possible contract with MassDOT; and the potential to be selected for a financial reimbursement award for costs of technical certification and professional software acquisition.

Program Commitment: Participation in one (or more) three-hour Business Development Training Session (via WebEx). For details, click here.

Space is limited and participation is first come, first served. To register, contact Marisol Herrera: mherrera@gnemsdc.org or 203-288-9744, ext. 131.

GNEMSDC Business Updates

• Certification

Message from Certification Department: Hello Commonwealth SDO Vendor MBEs Welcome to the GNEMSDC's Weekly Newsletter! Looking forward to welcoming you as a CERTIFIED GNEMSDC MBE

Please email or call Denise to accelerate your application and discuss growth opportunities with GNE Certification! 203 288 9744, ext. 111 dmlamb@gnemsdc.org

Certification Committee now meets on the Second Thursday of EVERY month to review Applications for Certification and Re-Certification Applications.

Do you know of an Uncertified MBE? Let us know!

Now Offering Cross-Certification with the Commonwealth of MA

Businesses certified by the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council ("GNEMSDC") will no longer need to submit a separate application to be considered for a Commonwealth of Massachusetts MBE certification. If your business is interested in receiving a cross-certification from GNEMSDC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you may authorize GNEMSDC to apply for a Commonwealth of Massachusetts MBE certification on your behalf.

Benefits of cross-certification - saving you time and effort:

• Only one application form to complete.
• With your authorization, GNEMSDC will submit your MBE application materials to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
• GNEMSDC will perform the site visit required for certification with no additional site visit from the Commonwealth.

To learn more about the benefits and process of cross-certification Click Here
29TH Thurgood Marshall Awards Ceremony
February 21, 2017

On Tuesday February 21, The Black Students Association at the Quinnipiac School of Law will host the 29th Thurgood Marshall Awards Ceremony. Like prior years, the Black Law Student Association will recognize and honor outstanding people in law, education or politics. These dedicated individuals will be commemorated for their contribution in the advancement of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights.

Please [click here](#) to view the flyer and the recipients of the awards.

For more information please email: [marilyn.ford@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:marilyn.ford@quinnipiac.edu)

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Charter Oak Outreach Event

Charter Oak Environmental Services, Inc. was founded in 1997 with the mission to distinguish its environmental consulting practice to its clients by providing responsive, exceptional service at a fair cost. From the smallest tasks to multi-million dollar remediation projects, Charter Oak has been successful in that mission and continues to expand its base of satisfied clientele.

During this exciting time of Company expansion, Charter Oak is seeking to grow its subcontractor and employment base. To find out more, please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

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GNEMSDC Business Profiles: What’s your story?

Are you a GNEMSDC certified business with a success story to tell? Please send us a short paragraph with details and you could be featured in an upcoming issue of the GNEMSDC newsletter! Email us at [kchunn@gnemsdc.org](mailto:kchunn@gnemsdc.org).

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Save The Date - Upcoming Events in 2017

The following events are available and designed specifically for MBEs to learn about procurement opportunities and other information that benefit business growth:

- **March 6**: GNEMSDC 1st Monday of the Month Webinar - Open to Category One MBEs, For more information please contact our Director of Certification and MBE services at: [dmlamb@gnemsdc.org](mailto:dmlamb@gnemsdc.org)
- **March 8**: GNEMSDC 1st Quarterly Meeting, 1 - 4pm, CVS Health (Woonsocket, RI)
- **April 6**: GNEMSDC & MBEIC Awards Luncheon, 11am - 2 pm, Sheraton Framingham Hotel (Framingham, MA)
- **April 13**: GNEMSDC 2nd Quarterly Meeting, 2 -5pm, WEI (Salem, NH)
- **July 28**: GNEMSDC Supplier Diversity Golf Classic, 9am - 3pm, Stow Acres Country Club (Stow, MA)
- **Sept 7**: GNEMSDC 3rd Quarterly Meeting, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Boston, MA)
- **Nov 7**: Forum for Accelerated Growth Strategies, Fenway Park (Boston, MA)
- **Dec 6**: GNEMSDC 4th Quarterly Meeting, Blue Cross Blue Shield MA (Boston, MA)

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Invitations to Bid and Job Opportunities

- Open Job Position at Connecticut Lottery Corporation: [Click here](#) to view job description.
- Open Job Position at Environmental Integrity: [Click here](#) to view job description.
- Connecticut Lottery Corporation: [Request for Qualifications](#)
- Operational Services Division [State of MA, Municipals and Quasis](#)
FYIs from our Partners

- [Grow Her Business](#) - a business program for women entrepreneurs
- Mayor Martin J. Walsh introducing the City of Boston's [Small Business Plan](#)
- Mayor Walsh Signs Executive Order to Expand Opportunities for Women and Minority Owned Businesses: [City of Boston Press Release](#)
- Governor Charlie Baker announces the state's efforts to increase supplier diversity: [Governor Baker Press Release](#)
- [GNEMSDC 2016 Forum For Accelerated Growth Strategies at Fenway Park](#) - password "FORUM"
- [GNEMSDC 2016 Business Opportunity Expo and Conference Program Book](#)
- [GNEMSDC 2016 Business Opportunity Expo and Conference/Golf Classic Photos](#) - password "MOHEGAN"
- [GNEMSDC 2016 Awards Gala Photos](#) - password "GALA"

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Join our growing network on LinkedIn! Follow our page to hear the latest from GNEMSDC and to learn about news relevant to your business.

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