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## Ohio Legislative Black Caucus calls on Kasich to veto local hiring ban bill

*Say state-level restrictions hold African American communities back*

COLUMBUS— The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC) called on Governor John Kasich to veto House Bill 180, saying the legislation to ban local hiring goals will disproportionately harm African American workers and minority communities while jeopardizing infrastructure projects in Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron and Cleveland.

The letter noted that African American unemployment remains twice as high as the overall state unemployment rate.

“House Bill 180 was passed with blatant disregard for the realities minorities face in this state when it comes to employment and pursuing a better quality of life. The Department of Transportation’s own disparity report demonstrates that state has historically failed to be inclusive to minority workers,” said Rep.

**Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland).** “The governor should not allow the state to find ways to continue to discriminate against minorities and vulnerable populations. I urge Governor Kasich to veto this bill because it is the right thing to do, especially with the Opportunity Corridor in jeopardy.”

Aside from Cleveland’s Opportunity Corridor, HB 180 also jeopardizes the city of Akron’s \$1.4 billion sewer and water improvement plan, which currently has a local hiring target of 30 percent that would increase to 50 percent by 2018.

“Facing a \$1.4 billion unfunded mandate by the federal government to fix the sew-

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State Rep. Stephanie Howse  
(D-Cleveland)

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## **May 21 surplus auction will feature electric ladder, hydraulic motor hoist**

Additional items available online through May 23

An electric ladder, hydraulic motor hoist and scaffold will be among some of the unique surplus items to be sold at the state's next miscellaneous property auction on Saturday, May 21.

The auction will be held at the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, General Services Division headquarters, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, 43228. The doors open at 8 a.m. The auction begins at 9 a.m.

A wide variety of computer equipment (e.g., laptops, monitors and printers); electronic appliances (e.g., copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, audio and video equipment and mobile radios); and office furniture (e.g., desks, filing cabinets and tables) also will be auctioned, as well as miscellaneous items such as fire-proof paint cabinets, a small refrigerator and a Speed Queen Washer.

For those not able to attend the auction, bids can be placed online for a number of surplus items now through May 23. These items include a four-drawer antique wooden file cabinet, Fujitsu color scanner and more. Please read all terms and conditions.

For more information, contact Tom Lowery at 614-466-7636 or visit the DAS State and Federal Surplus Services website at [ohio.gov/surplus](http://ohio.gov/surplus).

## **Secretary of State Recognizes Women-Owned Businesses in May's Ohio**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted recently announced the Ohio Business Profile Program will be featuring "Women-Owned Businesses" throughout the month of May.

"More than 300,000 women-owned businesses are helping make Ohio's economy roar with over \$40 billion in revenue for the Buckeye State," Secretary Husted said. "Women business owners are an important part of Ohio's economic growth for our future."

### **Companies profiled this month include:**

- **'83 Sweets Cupcakes (Lucasville, Ohio)** is a 1980's-themed bakery, specializing in gourmet cupcakes. Owned by a mother-daughter duo, '83 Sweets Cupcakes sources local ingredients for over 83 custom flavors and has won "Cupcake Wars" on the Food Network.
- **Kids Kastle, LLC (Celina, Ohio)** fulfilled a community need when they opened the first childcare facility in the area in 2007. Children are provided with age-appropriate curriculum and high quality staff with a passion to teach children that learning is fun.
- **Eagle Cliff Inn (Geneva, Ohio)** has been serving customers at their bed and breakfast for over 25 years. In addition to Eagle Cliff Inn, business owner, LuAnn Busch, owns Clearwater Homes, a non-profit business providing residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities and Grape Escape, a second business that employs individuals with dis-

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## 17th Annual Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest is online

Did you miss the opportunity to attend the 17th Annual Statewide MLK Oratorical Contest last month? Or, maybe you are an understandably proud parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, teacher, etc., and you want to share your child's performance with friends and family members who couldn't attend. Now you can!

The video of the morning session with primary (grades kindergarten-2) and intermediate (grades 3-5) contestants at <http://bit.ly/250MX5e>

The afternoon session (grades 3 and up) can be found at <http://bit.ly/1ZRJNKa>

## Democratic Women's Caucus to host the sixth annual Women's Lobby Day

Ohio House Democratic Women's Caucus President and State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) will join State Rep. Greta Johnson, Vice-Chair of the caucus, (D-Akron) and members of the House Democratic Women's Caucus to host the sixth annual Women's Lobby Day at the Vern Riffe Center on **Wednesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.**

The event, **From Birth to the Boardroom: Empowering Women, Empowering Ohio**, includes lunch and features special guest speakers, a member-led policy discussion and time to meet and engage with legislators.

### WHO:

State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo)

State Rep. Greta Johnson (D-Akron)

Members of the Ohio House Democratic Women's Caucus

### WHAT:

Sixth Annual Women's Lobby Day

### WHEN:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Registration at 9:00 a.m.

Program from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### WHERE:

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# business updates

## Adams Trucking receives MBE certification

Adams Trucking Inc. of Ohio recently received its MBE Certification from the City of Columbus and LEDE certification from Columbus City Schools. Rob Adams is the owner.

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## FedEx Small Business Grant Contest is open

FedEx Small Business Grant Contest is offering grants to ten small businesses, with the largest sum since its inception, of \$100,000. Among them, one Grand Prize winner of \$25,000, one \$15,000 winner and eight \$7,500 winners will be awarded.

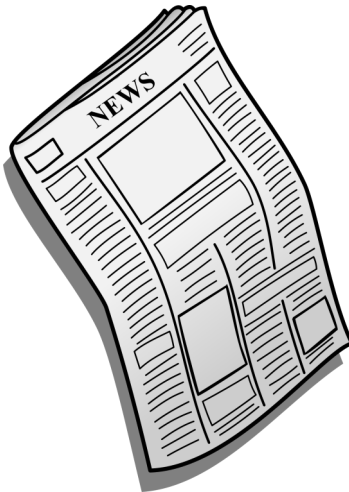
The contest is designed to help small business owners take their business to the next level and achieve growth and success. It also offers the opportunity for small business owners to share their stories and achieve national recognition while simultaneously rallying support from local communities to grow their businesses. Voting is open to anyone and can be conducted online at [fedex.com/grantcontest](http://fedex.com/grantcontest) or via a social media platform of the entrant's choice.

The FedEx Small Business Grant Contest is open US based for -profit small businesses that have less than 50 employees and have been operating for six months or more.

Last year's winner was In Blue Handmade, which specializes in hand-made, customized leather goods. Through the \$25,000 grant and support of FedEx shipping services, In Blue Handmade has grown from a one-woman operation, to an 11-person company that ships products all over the world that even has its own e-commerce site, and is in more than 300 boutiques and shops nationwide.

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- OSU Black Extension Center

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- Columbus Board of Education
- Women's Business Center
- Increase CDC (1st Only)
- Mt. Hermon Baptist Church
- 35 E. Gay Street Lobby
- Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church

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- Dayton Public Library (15th only)

### Toledo

- Toledo Public Library
- Toledo Minority Business Assistance Center



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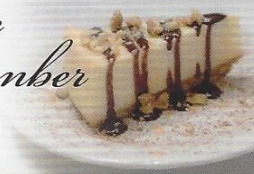
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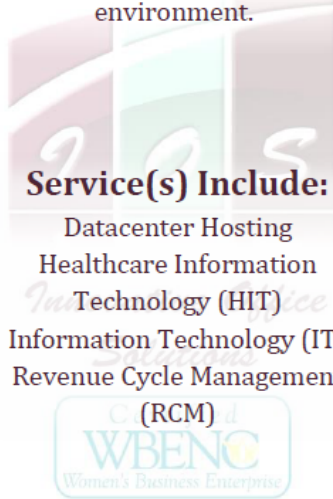
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er system, the city of Akron found a creative way to put its people back to work through local hiring benchmarks,” said **Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron)**. “Working people deserve an opportunity to access the economic benefits from projects that are happening in their own communities. There is no reason why local people should be excluded from job opportunities right in their own backyards. This bill effectively outsources good-paying, local jobs.”



Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron)

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abilities.

- **Fur Seasons of Orient, LLC (Orient, Ohio)** is a full-service pet grooming, boarding and daycare facility which houses indoor and outdoor recreational activities for both cats and dogs.
- **MediaScript (Powell, Ohio)** utilizes technology to provide video production, e-learning solutions and video webinars to their clients. MediaScript also provides content development and event services to their customers.
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