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W. Shawna Gibbs, Longest Serving Member of CCS BOE to Conclude Service at End of Year

W. Shawna Gibbs, a passionate advocate for children and families, won election to the Columbus Board of Education three times: in 2007, 2011 and 2015. And after twelve years of service, Ms. Gibbs has chosen to conclude her service at the end of her term in December 2019.

Below is a statement from Board Member Gibbs:

"It has been a privilege and honor to serve on the Columbus Board of Education since 2007. Even though I am not seeking re-election, I remain committed to serving the students, families and community

until the end of my term in December. I am exceedingly grateful for the 12 years of support. We still have a lot of work to do."

Gibbs is currently the longest serving member on the seven-member board and has served as Vice President as well as chair of the Public Engagement Committee, Board and City Standing Committee, External Monitoring Committee, and the 2016 Facilities Master Plan Committee, and created the Board's Innovation and Reform Committee. She was also a inaugural member of the Finance and Appropriations Committee.



She is a trustee for I Know I Can and the Ohio School Boards Association and a member of the Federal Relations Network.

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"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

—Booker T. Washington

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Council Honors Columbus' African American Legacy

African Americans have made significant contributions in defining the vibrant cultural legacy of Columbus. On Friday, February 15, 2019, Columbus City Council recognized and honored the achievements of African Americans in the Capital City during its inaugural Black History Month Celebration.

"The Black History Month Celebration gives us the opportunity to publicly highlight, celebrate and honor the work of African Americans in the cultivation of our great City," said Councilmember Priscilla Tyson. "I am proud we are recognizing the contributions of African American trailblazers past and present who helped make Columbus one of the best cities in America."

The inaugural celebration will highlight Black culture, as well as honor several African American pillars in the City of Columbus and their achievements in various sectors including:



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2018 OhioMBE Award Winner Michael Lille produces Black History Month themes for Samsung

First let me begin by thanking Ronda Watson Barber for the OhioMBE Award. Now I finally feel like I have done something to live up to the Award I was given on October 25, 2018- Michael Lille

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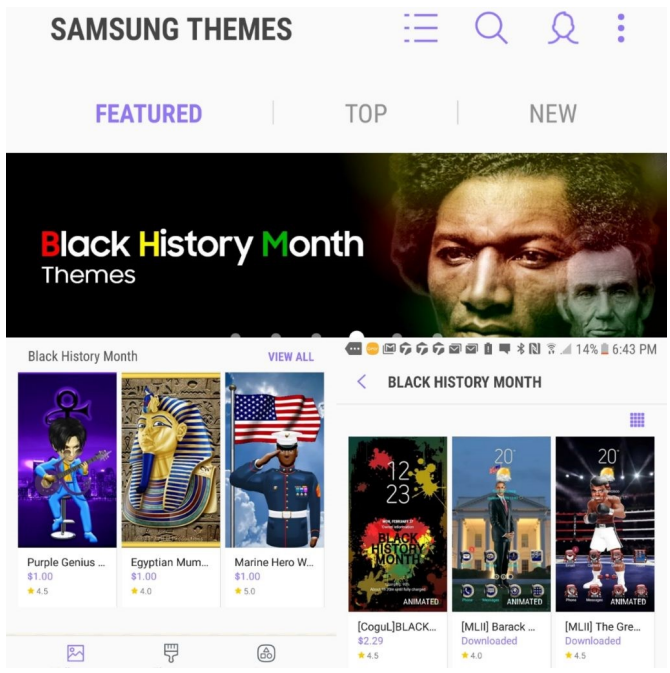
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I noticed that there was no Black History Month Collection when my business became a theme app partner with Samsung in 2016," said Lille. "It did not take long for me to realize that I had to be the change that I wanted to see. My goal of establishing a Black History Month Collection with Samsung was a two-year project that became a reality this week. I just want to thank Samsung for showing that Black History Month matters."

To get these apps on your Samsung. Tap your screen and hold your finger on your screen for two seconds. You will see a window appear with wallpapers and themes icons. Tap either of those icons to go to the Samsung Theme Store. There you will see the Black History Month Themes Banner featured. Click that Banner to get to the apps.

You can get to all Michael's app by clicking this link from your Samsung Phone <http://galaxy.store/mlji>



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Revamp Ohio's certification programs

By Ronda Watson Barber
OhioMBE Publisher

Ohio's Inspector General released a [report](#) this week outlining that hundreds of EDGE (Encouraging Diversity Growth and Equity) certified didn't qualify for the program because the State of Ohio failed to keep tabs on their eligibility.

The report found that 357 business certified as EDGE businesses have violated the program's 10-year participation time limit. Additionally, the report highlighted CTL Engineering. CTL Engineering claimed to be an economically disadvantaged business then though the company billed over \$35.5 million in 2016. CTL is an Asian Indian firm.

The report recommended that the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Equal Opportunity Division, which runs the EDGE program, revise its policies to make sure companies participating in the program are still eligible. It also said state officials should "strongly consider" a review of staffing levels, the program's budget, and system upgrades to help boost enforcement.

I think Ohio's certification programs need to be revamped. Presently, African-American, Native Americans, Hispanics, and Asians are considered minority groups. Asian includes *All persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, including China, Japan, and Southeast Asia. India has been included in the definition of "Asian."* Subsequent to that, *Pakistan was included because the country came about as a division from India.*

Asian Indian business owners lobbied to be considered minorities during the Celeste administration. Why are they in the program? What discrimination have business owners from India faced? Most are of means. They are simply benefitting from the struggles Black businesses have faced. The median household income for Ohio's Asian population is \$71,820. There are more than 21,000 Asian American-owned businesses in Ohio, with receipts of \$10.8 billion dollars.

With respect to business sectors, professional/scientific/technical services and health care/social assistance account for 15 percent and 14 percent respectively, of Asian American-owned firms. These sectors account for 13 and 10 percent of all businesses in Ohio respectively. Eleven percent of all accommodation/food service firms in the state are owned by

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Steven A. Hill, Intellectual Property Attorney

*Intelligence becomes an asset when some useful order is created out of free-floating brain power – that is, when it is given coherent form (a mailing list, a database, an agenda for a meeting, a description of a process); **when it is captured in a way that allows it to be described, shared, and exploited**; and when it can be deployed to do something that could not be done if it remained scattered around like so many coins in a gutter. Intellectual capital is packaged useful knowledge.*--Thomas A. Stewart, [Intellectual Capital](#),

I design and implement ways to protect intellectual capital, in light of business risk and needs. This includes helping clients to identify and organize information to enhance value. Vehicles for protection include patent, trademark (branding), copyright, trade secret, non-disclosure agreements, employment agreements (for employer or employee), licensing, contracts, and other means and combinations. All of it is designed for particular client circumstances and need.

I was an engineer at Bell Laboratories (The Ohio State University: *B.S. Electrical Engineering, M.S. Computer Science*) when a patent attorney there encouraged me to consider law school. Engineer/programmer by day, law student by night, and trying to be a good father and husband in between, I eventually graduated from Capital University Law School (*J.D.*). Over the years I passed several bar examinations, including Ohio (*"Attorney"*), U. S. Federal District Court (*"Attorney"*), U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (*"Patent Attorney"*), and England and Wales (*"Solicitor"*, still on roll although not currently practicing there.)

work as in-house counsel as well as outside counsel. Clients include individuals and companies, largely in the U.S., but also including clients in China, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the British Virgin Islands. The practice focuses on business matters and transactions, with particular emphasis on intellectual property, and using an engineering-based approach. Other business attorneys refer me to their clients, become clients themselves, or ask me to participate in disputes or otherwise resolve intellectual property issues.

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- establish nearly 2,100 pre-kindergarten seats and transitioned Columbus City Schools into the city's leader in offering high-quality early childhood education.
- strengthen and increase our services to students with Limited English Proficiency and Special Needs, serving more than any other district in the region.
- create the first stand-alone Columbus Gifted Academy.
- boost the number of Columbus' Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients – more than any other district in Ohio.

increase transparency and accountability with the launch of the District's first online Digital Dashboard with insight into student attendance, enrollment, and academic achievement, the first Financial Dashboard with access to see finances, payroll, and funding sources, and the first Columbus City Schools Mobile App.

BOE President Gary Baker is also retiring at the end of the school term.

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- Queen Brooks in the area of Arts & Entertainment;
- Lewis R. Smoot, Sr. for his leadership in Business;
- Reverend Leon L. Troy, Sr. as a Leader in the Faith Community;
- James Preston Poindexter for his advocacy in Public Service; and

Catherine T. Willis in the area of Education.

Honorees will receive the Poindexter Award which is named in recognition of James Preston Poindexter. Poindexter was a clergyman, abolitionist, civil rights activist and political pioneer serving as the first Black Columbus City Councilmember.

"Columbus' Black community has a rich and vibrant history," said Council President Shannon Hardin. "This is an opportunity to acknowledge the people who helped create the City we live in today and to consider how we continue to uplift every neighborhood."

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- **Property Maintenance and Miscellaneous Services.** Contact Audrea Hickman (614-645-8907 or aehickman@columbus.gov).
- **Construction trades including: General Construction, Home Improvement, Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing.** Contact Tim Tilton (614- 724-3009 or twilton@columbus.gov).
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Kokosing Industrial, Inc. is preparing bids for the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant

Basins 5&6 Upgrades in Toledo, Ohio which bids February 26, 2019. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: Preconstruction Video Documentation, Clearing, Demolition, Seeding, Concrete Rehab, Concrete Reinforcing, Masonry, Waterproofing, Roofing, Doors and Windows, Flooring, Painting, Signage, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Instrumentation and Controls, Auger Cast Piles, Caulking, and Cathodic Protection. Bidding documents can be examined online by emailing Sonja Nichols at snichols@kokosing.biz for the link. Please have your quote to Chad Lampe by 12:00 PM February 25, 2019: e-mail snichols@kokosing.biz or Fax 614-212-5711.

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OPERATION: FIX IT – INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACT – ASPHALT PAVING
Sealed bids for the above-referenced project will be received by the BOARD OF EDUCATION, City School District of Columbus, Ohio, Office of Capital Improvements, 889 E. 17th Ave, Columbus

OH 43211, until Friday, February 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. More information can be found on the District's web site at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>. The plans and specifications are on file with Franklin Imaging.

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Shook Construction is requesting bids for the Collins Park WTP Basins 5 & 6 Upgrade project in Toledo, OH. **MBEs, WBEs & SBEs are encouraged to respond.** Bids are requested by 10:00 AM on

02/26/19. Project is taxable and DB Prevailing Wage rates apply.

Scope items include: General Conditions, Sitework & Utilities, Demolition, Auger Cast Grout Piles, Seeding, Concrete Repair, Sand & Gravel Supply, Ready Mix Supply, Concrete Formwork, Reinforcing Steel, Cast-In-Place Concrete, Precast Hollowcore Planks, Masonry, Masonry Repair, Terra Cotta Masonry Repair & Fabrication, Structural Steel, Metal Fabrications, Handrails/Railings, Grating, FRP Fabrications, Waterproofing, Thermal Insulation, Single Ply Roofing, Joint Sealants, Doors/Frames/Hardware, Windows, Glass & Glazing, Terrazo Flooring, Paint & Protective Coatings, Signage, Fire Extinguishers, Treatment Plant Equipment, Cathodic Protection System, Process Piping/Valves, Pipe Supports, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical and Instrumentation & Controls.

Interested subcontractors and suppliers can call our Estimating Department at 800-705-5251 or email us at estimating@shookconstruction.com to obtain bid documents.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority is requesting proposals for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Coordinator for Various Properties within Summit County, Ohio. Those interested in submitting a proposal for the aforementioned work may obtain the instructions/information package by contacting SE Blueprint, 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, Ohio 44311. (330) 376-1689 akron@seblueprint.com

Proposals, to be considered, must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the RFP and received by AMHA no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Brian M. Gage
Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority at 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307 until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

PHASE 2 EXTERIOR REHABILITATION AND RELATED WORK at CRIMSON TERRACE, 408 HERMS COURT, BARBERTON, OHIO 44203

Specifications can be purchased at SE Blueprint, Inc. located at 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, Ohio 44311 (330) 376-1689. Please email (akron@seblueprint.com) or call with quantity requests and notice will be provided when documents are available for pick-up.

An email link for the above mentioned specifications is available at the Subcontractors Association NEO, 637 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; Akron Urban League, Minority Business Assistance Center, 440 Vernon Odom Blvd., Akron, Ohio; the Builders Exchange of Canton, 5080 Aultman Rd., North Canton, Ohio; Builders Exchange of Cleveland, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio; and the Ohio Construction News, 7261 Engle Road, Suite 304, Cleveland, Ohio. A list of plan holders can be obtained from SE Blueprint's website @ www.seblueprint.com

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held by the Housing Authority at the AMHA Administration Building, 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307, on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.**

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Columbus City Schools announces a Request for Qualifications for the following projects:

1. Professional criteria design services as required to complete mechanical system replacement at multiple locations. The total project budget is to be determined. The lead firm will be a licensed engineer.

An informational meeting covering these projects will be held: Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 3:30 pm

The meeting will be held at Columbus City Schools, 889 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211

Submit separately for each project. Responding firms may submit for all projects. Submittals will be evaluated pursuant to ORC 153.65-691 based on the following criteria: professional qualifications of key members of design team, relevant past work of prospective firms, other applicable consultants, quality control procedures, response to CCS Community Inclusion Policy

(Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise goal is 20% participation), and location of primary firm relative to project locations. Fees will be negotiated. The district reserves the right to reject any and all statements of qualifications and to waive any informality, irregularity, or failure to conform to the instructions contained in this public announcement. Firms are not to contact any schools. More information can be found at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

Responding firms are to submit three (3) paper copies and (1) electronic copy in PDF format of Parts I and II of the OFCC F110-330 Statement of Qualifications form (most recent version).

Part I is limited to 25 pages. EDGE requirements do not apply to this RFQ. Address submittals to Capital Improvements, Columbus City Schools, 889 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211.

Deadline for submissions is February 28, 2019 at 3:00 PM.



"Attention Certified Akron EDGE/DBE/MBE/SBE/VBE/WBE Companies"

Kokosing Industrial, Inc. is preparing bids for the WRF BioCEPT project in Akron, Ohio which bids March 14, 2019. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: Demolition, Asbestos and Lead Abatement, Concrete Repair, Masonry, Misc. Metals, Waterproofing, Roofing, Caulking, Doors and Windows, Glazing, Painting and Coatings, Signage, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical, Instrumentation & Controls, Clearing & Grubbing, Dewatering, Fencing, Seeding, Crane & Hoists, Reinforcing Steel, Insulation, Earth Retention Systems, Auger Cast Piling, Paving, and Sewer Pipe Lining.

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held by the Housing Authority at the AMHA Administration Building, 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307, on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 at 2:00 P.M.**

Bidders may gain access to the interior of the buildings, in order to assess the work, pursuant to the viewing schedule included in the specifications.

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Asian Americans.

Contrastly, the median household income for Blacks is \$32,163. There are over 81,000 African American-owned businesses in Ohio, with receipts of \$9.1 billion dollars. Health care/social assistance businesses represent the largest portion of African American-owned firms at 24 percent. Within the African American business community, this sector is two-and-a-half times larger than the proportion of Ohio businesses taken as a whole. Administrative/support/waste management

services make up a significant proportion of firms accounting for more than 11 percent of all African American-owned businesses.

Personally, I contend that only Black, Hispanic and Native America business owners should be in the protected certification class. The first enslaved Africans arrived in Virginia 400 years ago. Black folks in America have lived through slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement. The playing field is still not equal. Racism and discrimination still exist for Black people.

State officials have a lot of cleaning up to do. They also need to revisit the goals and purpose of the EDGE program. Only business owners that faced true every day 365 discrimination should be eligible to participate.

Celebrate Black History

OhioMBE has been posting Black History information on our website and social media during the month of February. Take a few minutes to celebrate Black excellence.

Just my thoughts...rwb



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[Akron MBAC – Financials 101 & 102](#)—Canton

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 2:00pm
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Black History Month Reception

February 20, 2019
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Anthony J. Wilson named president of Columbus National Black MBA Association.

Hailing from the great city of Cleveland, Ohio, Anthony is also proud to call Columbus his second home.. Prior to joining the Columbus chapter of NBMBA, during his eleven years as a member of NBMBA, Anthony has served as the Membership Chair of the Cleveland chapter until 2012.

The National Black MBA Association leads in the creation of educational opportunities and economic growth for Black professionals. The group is committed to making an impactful and sustainable difference in the communities in which they work and serve.

During his tenure of leadership, Anthony spearheaded various professional networking events which were aimed at recruitment and retention. In addition to being party to winning the prestigious title of Chapter of the Year, Anthony received the Member Appreciation Award in 2009. Anthony previously served as the VP of Finance for the Columbus Chapter.

Anthony has over fifteen years of experienced in both private and public-sector in Supply Chain Management. Anthony's extensive Procurement and Supply Chain Management experience along with a results-oriented leadership style, has equipped him at identifying opportunities for streamlining operations, finding more productive methods to achieve top performance, eliminating waste and reducing unnecessary expenses through the utilization of system programs to analyze and predict outcomes of statistical models.

Anthony's ability to prioritize, delegate, and control administrative work flows to manage an office or entire business.

Anthony is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., where he has served as chairperson of the Fatherhood Initiative program and Keeper of Records and Seals, Keeper of Peace. He currently serves as the Vice President and is a committee member of the newly established Omega Gents Youth Mentoring program in Columbus Ohio.

Anthony received his undergraduate de-



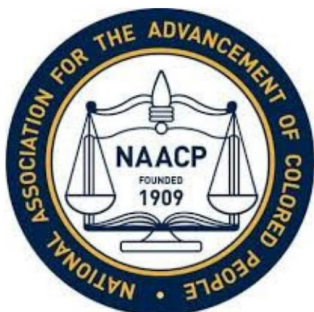
gree from Malone College and his MBA from The University of Phoenix-Beachwood and has opened up his heart and home to become a licensed Foster Care provider. Anthony has been an advocate to several sibling groups since obtaining his license.

.Anthony currently reside in Pickerington Ohio where he is a proud father of five and loving husband to India. They both enjoy traveling and serving the community through their own foundation and through Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

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