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The City of Columbus increases purchasing spend with MBEs; announces Minority Plan Room opening

The City of Columbus recently issued its 2016-2018 Inclusion Report. It is a collection of workforce diversity recruitment strategies and supplier development implementations from each department

According to Mayor Andrew Ginther, "Through outreach and engagement, we want to increase the diverse pool of suppliers who compete for City contracting opportunities. An important part of this work will include the completion of the Disparity Study, expected later this summer, which will help us begin to form policies and procedures to help increase supplier diversity. But we have not been waiting for the results of the study to continue to move forward. " he said.

"We still have work to do, but I am excited about the direction the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is going and my administration's commitment to using inclusion as the lens through which we make all of our decisions. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion continues to introduce and implement best practices in supplier diversity that will promote stronger engagement within each City department, capacity building and supportive services and MWBE compliance and monitoring." he said.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Development and Department of Finance and Management with partner will the Ohio Business Development Center to operate a construction plan room. The Minority Plan Room will serve as a

central hub for MWBE seeking support with certification, understanding contract guidelines and giving access to training workshops and networking events. The plan room will open July 1 at 1393 E. Broad St. Visit OhBDC.org for more information.

"We are committed to diversity, inclusion and most importantly, action, said Director Damita R. Brown. "Our success is predicated on bringing diverse ideas and perspectives to the table. As leaders in this space, it is our responsibility to support what differentiates us in a community where our inclusive mindset unites us.





Media's responsibility is to challenge government

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Supplier Diversity Utilization

Year MBE/WBE Rate

2016 8.44%

2017 12.57%

2018 15.58%



The City of Columbus Inclusion Report can be found here: https://ohiombe.com/archives/12731



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U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH -03) introduces the Woman on the Twenty Act of 2019

U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) introduces the Woman on the Twenty Act of 2019, H.R. 3082, a bill that honors the legacy of one of America's most historically significant female figures, Harriet Tubman, and would follow through on the American people's choice to replace President Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill. Specifically, the bill would require a \$20 bill printed after 2022 to prominently feature a portrait of the famous abolitionist.

Beatty is introducing the Woman on the Twenty Act following a May 22nd Financial Services Committee hearing where Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin refused to commit to upholding the decision to place Tubman on the redesigned \$20 bill.

"I strongly oppose the Trump Administration's unreasonable decision to indefinitely delay the release of the new \$20 bill with no real plan of action. Over three years ago, I worked directly with the Department of Treasury to plan the release of the new \$20 design featuring Harriet Tubman—coinciding with the 100th anniver-

sary of the 19th Amendment. The new \$20 is desperately needed, as the last new design occurred nearly a century ago and was determined by the American people to better reflect the diversity of our great country. That is why I am proud to reintroduce the Woman on the Twenty Act to ensure that Harriet Tubman finds her rightful place on our nation's currency."

Beatty has fought throughout her time in Congress to secure a woman on our nation's currency. In June 2015, she introduced the Woman on the Twenty Act, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to create a citizens' panel to recommend a woman to be placed on a \$20 bill. Several weeks later, she spoke from the House Floor in support of putting Harriet Tubman on the new \$20. The following April, Beatty wrote a letter to former Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew calling on the Department to fast track the new note and have it in circulation by 2020. Then, in 2017, Beatty wrote Mnuchin urging him to recommit to the redesign of the twenty-dollar bill featuring Harriet Tubman.

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a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave. – Harriet Tubman

Frank W. Watson





André D. Butler

Sinclair Community College



André is the Assistant Manager of Purchasing at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. He is a long-time advocate for supplier diversity and actively participates in local, state, regional trade fairs and networking events.

André is a member of the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) and

serves on the Supplier Diversity Subcommittee of the Inter-University Council Purchasing Group of Ohio (IUC-PG).

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Wright State University and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Information Systems (Accounting Office Option) from Sinclair Community College.

Mr. Butler can be reached at andre.butler9851@sinclair.edu; 937-512-3518



business advocate on the move

Samuel Davis will be a speaker at the 41st annual BDPA Technology Conference and Diversity Career Fair in Atlanta. BDPA (Black Data Processing Associates) is a nonprofit organization of professionals working in or having interest in the Computer Science and Information Technology Fields. He is an IT Profect Manager and



Business Process Analyst with the State of Ohio.

Adrienne Kennedy is the new Building Better Lives Team Manager at Franklin County Family and Children First Council



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ed at 333 W Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215, according to Drawings and specifications prepared by Mays Consulting & Evaluation Services, Inc. (Mays), until 2 pm EST on July 2, 2019, and will be opened and read publicly at that time. All questions or requests for clarification must be submitted to Mays no later than 10 days prior to the bid opening, to the attention of Dan Lawrence, P.E., R.B.E.C., Project Administrator, P.O. Box 1020, Delaware OH 43015; Tel 740-363-9511; Email dlawrence@mces.com.

Pre-Bid Meeting: **June 18, 2019, at 10am**, EST, at 333 W Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

Contract Documents are available electronically at no cost from Mays, beginning June 4, 2019.

The Contract Documents will also be provided to the Builder's Exchange, 1175 Dublin Rd, Columbus OH 43215; www.dodgeprojects.construction.com.

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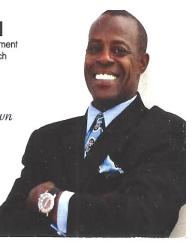
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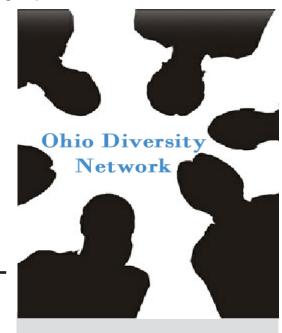


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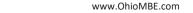
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- 5. Certification can be used in the private sector. Many companies don't have a certifying program but in an effort to have supplier diversity, will accept the certifications from some governmental agencies.

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Shaundretta Boykins new Director of the Women's Business Center of Central Ohio

Launched in 2012, the Women's Business Center of Central Ohio is a small business incubator and co-working space, and the hub of training for ECDI. Services offered by the WBC include one-on-one business coaching and technical assistance, in-depth training workshops, and links to mentors and professional networks. WBC members belong to a community of entrepreneurs, from nascent start-ups to emerging growth-stage business owners.

"I would like to thank Shaundretta for taking on this opportunity and for her professional dedication and commitment to the WBC, said Inna Kinney, ECDI Founder & CEO".

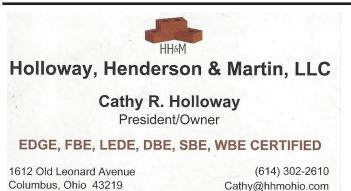
Over the past year, Shaundretta has served as Lead ECDI Relationship Manager for the Women's Business Center. During this time, she developed strong relationships with our members, using her 15+ years of financial expertise to propel clients onto a lending-ready and profitable path for their businesses. Inna Kinney added, "an entrepreneur at heart, and champion of women in business, Shaundretta was a natural fit to fill the position of Director of the Women's Business Center of Central Ohio."

As Director of the Women's Business Center of Central Ohio Shaundretta will foster an environment of learning, growth and empowerment for entrepreneurs at all stages of business devel-

opment and has big plans for expanding the WBC's impact in the Central Ohio small business ecosystem. Shaundretta is committed to learning from WBC members in her efforts to provide a robust curriculum that is responsive to the ever-evolving needs and challenges of small business owners.

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