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Business Profile:

OhioMBE Awards Top Family Business—JNY



Brandi Muhammad, owner of Just Naturally Yummy Bakery and Catering Company was awarded the 2019 OhioMBE Top Family Business

Having children and realizing that good quality products could not be found in the marketplace, Brandi decided to create her own quality products - good, healthy and great tasting baked goods. JNY is a family-owned and operated company and was formed originally as a legacy to their children. Today, their children are active members in the business and in fact, one has already started her own business: Little Ol' Cupcakes.

JNY started with baking whole wheat loaves of bread, cinnamon swirl breads and muffins. They then created their signature cinnamon rolls, supreme oatmeal cookies and more. They often make seasonal treats.

Living by the quote, "nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion" by Christian Friedrich Hebbel, Brandi accomplishes, and continues to accomplish, her goals with an intense passion for baking. Brandi can be reached at 614-290-3415.

Support Black Businesses in 2020

business advocate

Eric Seabrook

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Eric M. Seabrook is the Deputy Director for the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Eric has over 25 years of experience in public service including technology transfer and commercialization, lobbying health and human services issues, and addressing the legal challenges of election law and election administration. Eric has served as Chief Counsel for the Ohio Secretary of State, as a Technology Transfer Officer with Ohio's Thomas Edison Program, as Tech-

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4. Certification can be a marketing tool for your business. You can add your certifications to your marketing materials, business cards, website, etc. Many consumers like doing business with a veteran, minority or woman owned businesses.
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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Plant Maintenance Electrician I – EXAM


The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities is seeking qualified candidates



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for the position of Plant Maintenance Electrician I. To apply, you must first take the open competitive examination. The application window is currently open and candidates can submit an application online to the Civil Service Commission at <http://www.columbus.gov/civilservice> by Tuesday, 02/18/2020. The Plant Maintenance Electrician I will be responsible for installing, maintaining, troubleshooting, and repairing electrical equipment (up to 15KV AC), wiring systems and accessories; performs related duties as required. Preference will be given to applicants with industrial electrician experience in an industrial environment performing troubleshooting and repair of industrial 3 phase equipment and controls for pumps, centrifuges, grinders, valves, switchgear, transformers, motor control centers, cranes and blowers on 1 & 3-phase electrical equipment with live voltages from 24 to 15,000 VAC, and a working knowledge of PLC's and peripheral devices. To qualify you must have Two (2) years of experience installing and repairing 3-phase electrical equipment in an industrial facility with voltages up to 2,400 volts. Substitution(s): Successful completion of a formal classroom or apprenticeship training program in the general principles of electricity may substitute for six (6) months of the required experience. Must have a valid driver's license. Salary range is \$23.60 – \$31.63 per hour. Contact the Civil Service Commission Applicant and Employee Services Unit with questions regarding the process at (614) 645-8301.

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& Country Ridge

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the procurement of Moving Services Rosewind, Thornwood Commons & Country Ridge. The response deadline is Thursday February 27, 2020 at 3:00pm. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 11:00am on Wednesday February 19, 2020 at 880 E 11th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Specifications may be obtained by visiting our website, www.cmhanet.com or by contacting the Purchasing Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority at 880 E. 11th Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43211 or by calling 614-421-4434, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Development has contracting opportunities in the below areas. Please reach out for more information and bidding requirements.

- Graffiti Removal and Arborist Services. Contact Eric Voorhees (614-645-7934 or eavorhees@columbus.gov).
- Grass Cutting and Solid Waste Removal. Contact Mike Schwab (614-645-7122 or mfschwab@columbus.gov).
- Demolition and Asbestos Abatement. Contact Mike Farrenkopf (614- 679-5873 or mlfarrenkopf@columbus.gov) or Seth Brehm (614-645-5659 or swhbrehm@columbus.gov).
- Property Maintenance and Miscellaneous Services in November 2019. 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).
- Lead abatement. Contact Erica Hudson (614- 645-6739 or ejhudson@columbus.gov).

To register for notifications on upcoming bid opportunities, please visit <http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public>.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to provide Bed Bug Treatments, Pest Control Services and Related Work at Various AMHA Residential Buildings within Summit County, Ohio. Those interested in submitting a response to this request may obtain the instructions/information package by contacting SE Blueprint, 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, Ohio 44311. (330) 376-1689 seblue@seblueprint.com A pre-proposal conference will be held at the AMHA Administration Building at 100 West Cedar Street, Akron, Ohio 44307 on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. 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 Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Brian M. Gage
Executive Director



LEGAL NOTICE

OPERATION: FIX IT – RESTROOM UPGRADES – ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CRANBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EAKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SCOTTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MEDINA MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND RIDGEVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.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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Legal Notice: RFP 2020-001 Professional Property Management Services
(Tussing Place & Canal's Edge)

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of Professional Property Management Services (Tussing Place & Canal's Edge). The response deadline is Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 2:00pm. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for 11:00am on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 880 E 11th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211. Specifications may be obtained by visiting our website, www.cmhanet.com or by contacting the Purchasing Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority at 880 E. 11th Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43211 or by calling 614-421-4434, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.



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17th Ave, Columbus OH 43211, until Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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.



Truesdell Corporation of Wisconsin, Inc. is an EEO employer who is soliciting quotations from subcontractors and suppliers for the following project: ODOT 105053 PIC-762-10.18 Pickaway County, OH. Bid Due Date: 2/13/2020. This project has a 7% EDGE requirement. The Truesdell Corporation is requesting quotes from all qualified subcontractors and suppliers for the following types of work: DETOUR SIGNING; MAINTAINING TRAFFIC. Contact us should you need assistance with obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials, and/or supplies. Please contact us should you need assistance in obtaining the plans, specifications and contract requirements for this project. Performance and Payment Bonds may be required for the full amount of the subcontract. Subcontractors will be required to execute the Truesdell Corporation's Standard Subcontract Agreement. Quotes are due by 5:00 PM the day before the bid date. Please fax your quotations to 602-437-1821, Attn: Mac King, or via email, estimating@truesdellcorp.com.

Reference Number:	RFP #2020-01-11
Title:	Census Advertising and Outreach Program
Description:	The Franklin County Board proposals for the implementation of a culturally-informed digital, print and radio media advertising and outreach campaign that promotes awareness of the 2020 census and its' importance to our community.
Pre-Bid Conference Date/Time:	February 4, 2020 at 2:00 pm
Pre-Bid Conference Location:	Franklin County Purchasing Department, 373 South high Street, 25 th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Interested parties may also call in at 877-820-7831. Passcode 297289.
Opening Date & Submittal Deadline/Time:	February 12, July 15, 2019 at 12:00 Noon.
Obtain Documents Online At:	http://purchasing.franklincountyohio.gov/businesses/bid-opportunities/
Submittal Deadline (Date/Time):	February 12, 2020 by 2:00 p.m.
Submit All Responses To:	Franklin County Purchasing Department 373 South High Street – Floor 25 Columbus, Ohio 43215-6315
All Questions Should Be Directed To:	Email address: cejohnst@franklincountyohio.gov

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Lima

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 2:00pm

[OBDC- How to Create a Great Capability Statement Webinar](#)

Columbus

Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 11:00am

[OBDC- Construction Academy](#)

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Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 12:30pm

[COMTO- Columbus Striking Out College Debt Bowl-A-Thon.](#)

Pickerington

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 5:30pm

[OBDC- Business StartUP 123](#)

Columbus

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 2:00pm

[OBDC-Certification 101 Webinar](#)

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Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1:00pm

[Ohio MBE- Procurement Fair](#)

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Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 11:00am

[OBDC- Construction Academy](#)

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Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10:00am

[ODOT-Contractor DBE Roundtable Discussion \(Lebanon\)](#)

Lebanon

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:00am [ODOT- Contractor DBE Roundtable Discussion \(Columbus\)](#)

Columbus

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00am

[ODOT- 2020 DBE Certification Workshop-Cleveland](#)

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Friday, February 21, 2020 at 9:00am

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