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publisher's note

Welcome to Columbus Family! As the publisher of Ohio's largest Black-owned business newspaper and a proud graduate of Wilberforce University, I'm excited to celebrate Black Excellence. HBCU Pride is in full effect.

As we celebrate the young men and women on the field, please take a second to reflect on the strong shoulders we stand on. Our ancestors are smiling. They are dancing in delight—the advancements we have made. Black people can accomplish many things if given the opportunity.

We will celebrate Black Excellence as we gather in Oho Stadium to cheer on Central State and Kentucky State. When you reconnect with classmates and friends at this HBCU reunion, let's pledge to support our HBCUs financially. Let us continue our legacy of supporting Black Excellence. We owe it to the next generation of HBCU graduates. We owe them opportunities and access.

Enjoy the game!

Stay Well, Hydrate, and Wear your Masks!
Just my thoughts...rwb



From Brand, to Business, and Beyond: NIL Deals are Here

By Ambrose Moses III, Esq.

The game has changed. As of July 1, 2021, any student athlete enrolled in Ohio colleges and universities is allowed to earn compensation from their name, image, and likeness ("NIL").

Pursuant to S.B. 187 and Executive Order 2021-10D, students in Ohio are allowed to obtain professional representation in relation to contracts or legal matters regarding opportunities to earn compensation for use of the student's name, image, or likeness. They will be required to inform their college or university of any contracts they enter. The law and executive order also prohibit those colleges or universities from preventing a student from participating in athletics or otherwise punishing them as a result of earning such compensation.

So, what does that all mean?

First, it means "education, education, educa-

tion". Beginning in high school, students, student-athletes, parents, families, and friends should consider learning 1) the rules related to name, image, and likeness, 2) about brands, 3) about business, 4) what is a complete LLC, 5) what is professional representation, 6) why does one need legal representation, 7) what is a contract, and 8) what are NIL Deals (i.e. opportunities to be compensated for use of the student's name, image, or likeness).

Second, it means that students who know how to code software, develop websites, write stories, draw art, build social media personas, create digital designs, record and edit videos, perform and produce music, choreograph a dance, bring people together, mobilize people for a cause, and more, can establish businesses and help to build the NIL Deal ecosystem and be compensated as well.

Third, it means that students, student-athletes, families, professional advisors, businesses, colleges, and communities must think and act strategically to minimize harmful exploitation and to maximize the positive oppor-

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game day

marauders

Coach Rome makes his CSU Coaching Debut

The game features a CSU-KSU rivalry dating back to 1947 with CSU leading the all-time series, 36-23-1.

Due to the global pandemic, Central State did not participate in athletic competition during the 2019-2020 season. CSU Director of Athletics Tara A. Owens expressed gratitude and excitement about Central State's return to the field in August.

"We have been anxiously waiting for the day when we can safely return to competition," Owens says. "With a new staff led by head coach Bobby Rome and a roster full of re-energized and motivated student-athletes, we can't wait to represent and showcase Central State University at the Classic for Columbus."

Rome II, who was named Central State's head coach in February of 2020, will make his CSU coaching debut on August 28.

"It is an exciting time for Central State football. We have spent the time away from the field recruiting and developing talented and versatile players who possess championship mentalities and unmatched passion for the game of football," Rome says. "The Classic for Columbus is a great opportunity for us to return to action in a world-class venue. Central State is a program and a university that's on the rise and we look forward to kicking off our season on August 28th in Ohio Stadium."

Senior linebacker Kailen Abrams, a two-time Don Hansen All-America selection, echoed his new coach's excitement for the upcoming season.

"We are all ready to be back out on that field again," Abrams says. "It has been difficult being away from the game. We have all made sacrifices and persevered to get to this point and I am thankful for the opportunity to finally be able to compete and play alongside my teammates."

Visiting Team: Kentucky State

Conference: SIAC

2019 Overall Record: 7-3

2019 SIAC Record: 3-3

Head Coach: Charlie Jackson (Second Season)

Home Team: Central State Marauders

Conference: SIAC

2019 Overall Record: 3-7

2019 SIAC Record: 2-4

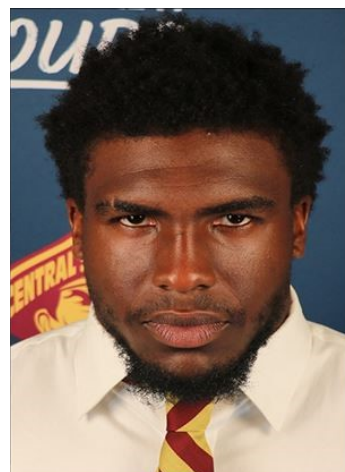
Head Coach: Bobby Rome II (First Season)

All-Time Series

CSU currently owns a 36-23-1 advantage in the all-time series with the only tie coming in 1957.



Coach Bobby Rome II



Kailen Abrams

Central State University Athletics

2021 Football Roster

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ACADEMIC YEAR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	<u>Dalane Brown II</u>	WR	6-3	205	Sr.	Youngstown, OH	East	Hocking CC
2	<u>Derell Williams</u>	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH	Mt. Healthy	Tiffin Univ.
3	<u>Demonte' Dunlap</u>	RB	5-8	170	Fr.	Portsmouth, VA	Maury	
3	<u>Malik Johnson</u>	DB	6-2	190	Jr.	Atlanta, GA	Cedar Grove	Malone Univ.
4	<u>Brandon Brock</u>	WR/KR	5-10	160	So.	Norfolk, VA	Oscar Smith	Los Angeles - Pierce CC
4	<u>Montego Johnson</u>	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Atlanta, GA	Cedar Grove	
5	<u>Kailen Abrams</u>	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Detroit, MI	Loyola	
5	<u>Said Sidibe</u>	WR	6-1	175	Jr.	Newport News, VA	Warwick	Univ. of Virginia - Lynchburg
6	<u>Lameir Garrett</u>	RB	5-11	215	So.	Canton, OH	McKinley	
6	<u>Marquis Whitting</u>	DB	5-11	185	Sr.	East Cleveland, OH	Shaw	Baldwin Wallace Univ.
7	<u>Robert Corbin, Jr.</u>	TE	6-2	225	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH		University of Pikeville
8	<u>Siaosi Amaya</u>	QB	6-0	225	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA	Sotomayor	Glendale CC
8	<u>Keandre Powell</u>	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Columbus, OH	Brookhaven	
10	<u>Jevan Swanigan</u>	WR/RB	5-9	185	Jr.	Detroit, MI	Cass Tech	
10	<u>Joe White</u>	DB/LB	6-0	200	Jr.	Dayton, OH	Jefferson Township	Urbana Univ.
11	<u>Khaled Wahezi</u>	LB	5-11	225	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA	Woodbridge	Glendale CC
12	<u>Tyriq Henderson</u>	QB	6-0	210	Jr.	Newport News, VA		Bluefield College
13	<u>Bryan Sarente</u>	DB	5-11	190	Jr.	Sacramento, CA	Sacramento Charter	American River College
14	<u>Stephon Thomas</u>	QB	6-1	175	Fr.	Springfield, OH	Suitland	
15	<u>Kenyadus Hollins, Jr.</u>	WR	6-0	190	So.	Euclid, OH	Euclid	Hocking CC
16	<u>Jacoby Smith</u>	QB	6-1	210	So.	Portsmouth, VA	I.C. Narcam	Mississippi Valley State Univ.
17	<u>William Dukes IV</u>	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	Pickerington, OH	Pickerington Central	
18	<u>Jose Chaires</u>	K/P	5-10	185	Fr.	Powder Springs, GA	Hillgrove	
19	<u>Jamal Holloway</u>	DL	6-3	245	Sr.	Camden, NJ	Camden	Univ. of Nevada - Las Vegas
20	<u>Dayjour Garrett</u>	S	6-1	185	Fr.	Canton, OH	McKinley	

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ACADEMIC YEAR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
21	<u>Jaidon Seay</u>	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH		Langston Univ.
22	<u>Nelson Besses</u>	DB	5-8	175	Jr.	Bedford, OH		Hocking CC
23	<u>Nathaniel Wright</u>	K	6-3	175	Fr.	Grantsville, UT	Grantsville	
24	<u>Nehemiah Stovall</u>	DB	6-0	155	Fr.	Canton, OH	McKinley	
25	<u>Tyler Nelson</u>	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	Orlando, FL	Ocoee	
27	<u>Demetrius Suesberry</u>	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH	Winton Woods	Youngstown State Univ.
28	<u>Izell Sanders</u>	DB	6-0	190	Jr.	Detroit, MI	Mumford	
30	<u>Calvon McClellan</u>	FB	6-0	250	Sr.	Chicago, IL	Comer College Prep	
35	<u>Bubba Thomas</u>	RB	5-7	200	Fr.	Norfolk, VA	Portsmouth Christian	
36	<u>Michael Sherill, Jr.</u>	DB	5-8	190	Fr.	Miami, FL	Miami Edison Senior	
39	<u>Landon Young</u>	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Columbus, OH	Walnut Ridge	
41	<u>Jabari Felton</u>	DE/LS	6-0	210	Fr.	Warren, OH	Warren Harding	
42	<u>Bryan Battle, Jr.</u>	LB/SS	6-4	215	Sr.	Columbus, OH	Mifflin	
44	<u>DeAnthony Perry</u>	DL	6-0	265	Fr.	Louisville, KY	Trinity	
45	<u>Ezekiel Kennebrew</u>	DL	6-2	225	Fr.	Louisville, KY	Fairdale	West Virginia State Univ.
46	<u>Jeremiah Cason</u>	DL	6-0	270	Fr.	Tempe, AZ	Tempe	
50	<u>Jordan Benjamin</u>	OL	6-1	260	Fr.	Trotwood, OH	Trotwood	
51	<u>James Davis</u>	OL	6-0	300	Sr.	Detroit, MI	Martin Luther King, Jr.	
52	<u>Jaden Perkins</u>	DL	6-0	320	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN	Warren Central	
53	<u>Justice Merritt</u>	LB	6-1	180	Fr.	Virginia Beach, VA	Bayside	
54	<u>Jeremiah Hardge</u>	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Detroit, MI	Martin Luther King, Jr.	
55	<u>Justice Thompson</u>	LB	6-0	260	Fr.	Louisville, KY	Ballard	
56	<u>Harold Jarvis</u>	OL	5-10	280	Fr.	Euclid, OH	Euclid	Engineering
57	<u>Lewis Jackson</u>	LB	5-11	215	Sr.	Chicago, IL	Chicago Vocational	
59	<u>Daekwan Sanders</u>	OL	6-0	280	Fr.	Akron, OH	Akron East	
66	<u>Darico Ellis</u>	OL	6-2	345	Sr.	Detroit, MI	Cass Tech	
68	<u>Evan Towers</u>	OL	6-3	325	So.	Muskegon, MI	Muskegon	Independence CC
70	<u>Terray McCain</u>	OL	6-3	330	Fr.	River Rouge, MI	River Rouge	
71	<u>Genesis Hartley</u>	OL	6-5	340	Jr.	Montgomery, AL	Jefferson Davis	
74	<u>Eric Turner, Jr.</u>	OL	6-1	370	Sr.	Redford, MI	Redford Thurston	Itasca CC
79	<u>Daniel Cummings</u>	OL	5-11	270	So.	Dayton, OH	Meadowdale	
80	<u>Damon Coleman</u>	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	Gibonsville, NC	Eastern Guilford	
81	<u>David Williams</u>	WR	6-1	165	Sr.	Bedford, OH	Bedford	

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ACADEMIC YEAR	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
82	<u>Justin Olibrice</u>	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Pompano Beach, FL	Blanche Ely	Howard Univ.
83	<u>Demetrius Huguley, Jr.</u>	TE	6-3	270	Fr.	Louisville, KY	Ballard	
84	<u>Tramari Smith</u>	WR	6-1	175	Fr.	Orlando, FL	Ocoee	
88	<u>Devin Kenerson</u>	WR	5-6	155	Jr.	Chicago, IL	Chicago HS for Agricultural Sciences	
89	<u>Robert Love</u>	DL	5-11	275	Jr.	South Holland, IL	Thornwood	
89	<u>Alec Williams</u>	TE/DE	6-3	270	Fr.	Moore Haven, FL	Moore Haven	
90	<u>Steven Hawthorne</u>	DE	6-4	240	Fr.	Chicago, IL		Univ. of Cincinnati
91	<u>Isaiah Goodrum</u>	DL	6-0	275	Fr.	Xenia, OH	Xenia	
94	<u>Richard Gaskins</u>	DL	6-7	310	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL	Baker County	Wilberforce Univ.
95	<u>Donta Marshall</u>	DL	6-4	310	Sr.	Toledo, OH	St. Francis de Sales	Hocking CC
97	<u>Elijah Slaughter</u>	DL	6-2	290	So.	Childersburg, AL	Childersburg	Alabama A&M
98	<u>Brandon McDougal</u>	DL	5-11	315	Fr.	Pickerington, OH	Pickerington Central	
99	<u>James Drain</u>	DL	6-3	330	So.	Detroit, MI		Saginaw Valley State Univ.

Football Coaching Staff

NAME	TITLE
<u>Bobby Rome II</u>	Head Football Coach
<u>Erik Highsmith</u>	Offensive Coordinator
<u>Curtis Terry</u>	Defensive Coordinator
<u>James Hudgins III</u>	Receivers Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
<u>George Ragsdale</u>	Running Backs Coach

Football Support Staff

NAME	TITLE
<u>Andrew Simmons</u>	Head Athletic Trainer
<u>Amani Jackson</u>	Assistant Athletic Trainer/Strength & Conditioning Coach

game day

thorobreds

The Kentucky State Thorobreds will take on rival Central State in the inaugural Classic for Columbus on Saturday, August 28 at 2:30 p.m. inside Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio.

"The opportunity to play here at the Shoe is a lifetime opportunity; everyone doesn't get that opportunity and for our student-athletes to partake in an event of this magnitude is absolutely phenomenal." Interim Athletic Director Ramon Johnson told local press at the Classic for Columbus press conference.

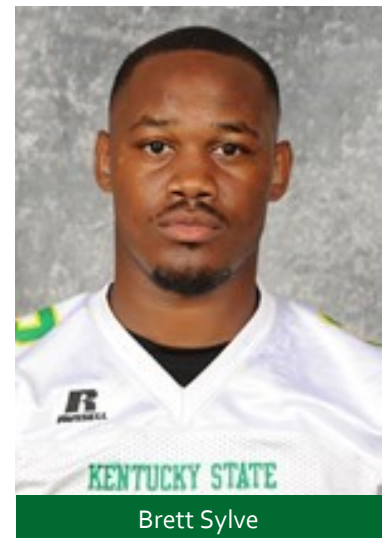
Kentucky State Has Two Selected First Team Preseason All-SIAC

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference named Anthony Geter and [Brett Sylve](#) to the 2021 All-SIAC Preseason First Team during the 2021 SIAC Football Media Day.

Sylve led the Thorobreds in 2019 with 1110 rushing yards, nine touchdowns, and averaged 109.30 yards per game. He had a season-long rush of 52 yards and earned one receiving touchdown.

Geter was a pivotal piece of the Kentucky State offensive line, by helping hold down the offensive side of the ball that allowed the Thorobred offense to rush for a total of 1764 yards and kept the defense away from the quarterback allowing only 11 sacks for the entire season.

Kentucky was picked to finish third in the SIAC Western Division behind #2 Tuskegee and #1 Miles.



99 Kentucky State Student-Athletes Earn SIAC Academic Honors

The 2020-21 Commissioner's All-Academic and All-Academic teams that featured 99 Kentucky State University student-athletes.

Student-Athletes selected for the SIAC Commissioner's All-Academic Team maintained at least a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point throughout the 2020-21 academic year. The student-athletes who earned a 3.2 or higher were considered for all-academic team honors.

Two Kentucky State teams secured the overall team awards for

the 2020-21 All-Academic Team women's volleyball with a 3.96 and baseball with a perfect 4.00.

2020-21 SIAC All-Academic Team

Braden Howard-Men's Golf
Anthony Vascotto-Men's Golf
John Etheridge-Baseball
Collier Higgs- Baseball
Andrew Schank-Baseball
Walter Walker III-Baseball
Parker White-Baseball
Olivia Saylor-Softball

Kentucky State University Athletics

2020 Kentucky State University Football Roster

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Tony Williams	RB	5-10	190	R-Jr.	India, Calif. / Shadow Hills	College of the Desert
3	Brett Sylve	RB	5-8	200	R-Sr.	Hammond / Hammond (Louisiana College)	Louisiana College
4	Jeremiah Owens	LB	6-3	225	So.	Greenville / Greenville	
5	LeDarian McAllister	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	Lakeland / Lake Gibson (Ridgewater)	
6	John Ragin	QB	5-11	180	So.	Irmo, S.C. / Irmo	
7	Michael Bobak	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Caledon, Ontario / Erie First Christian Aca.	University of Albany
8	Artest Banks	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	Augusta / Thomson (Highland)	Highland C.C.
11	Nathaniel Myles	QB	6-2	190	Sr.	Lancaster, Calif. / Palmdale	Antelope Valley College
12	Isaiah Jackson	RB	5-9	170	So.	Brunswick / Frederica Academy	
13	Jaylen Myers	QB	6-3	185	R-Jr.	Alcoa / Alcoa (Gardner-Webb)	Gardner Webb
14	Samuel Brown	DB	5-11	200	Sr.	Atlanta / Archer (East LA)	East LA College
16	Nigel Cochran	DB	5-11	175	So.	Woodruff, S.C. / Woodruff	
17	Xavier Hill	DB	6-2	190	So.	Colorado Springs, Col. / Pine Creek	
18	Jonathan Jerry	QB/K	5-9	155	So.	Tallahassee / North Florida Christian	
19	Xavier Johnson	DB	6-1	179	Sr.	Lexington, Ky. / Bates Creek HS	
20	Antwoine Lloyd	DB	5-10	178	Sr.	Indianapolis / Warren Central	
21	Bubba Murray	RB	5-11	180	So.	Thomson, Ga. / Thomson	
22	Israel McClain	DB	5-9	185	So.	Centerville / Westfield	
24	Reginald Brown	DB	5-10	175	So.	Bluffton / Bluffton (Presbyterian)	Presbyterian College
25	Brendan Lawler	RB	5-11	172	Sr.	Clarksville, Ind. / Clarlestown	
28	Jacob Abrams	DB	6-1	195	R-Jr.	Carmel, Ind. / Carmel	Purdue
29	Kalmorris Robinson	LB	5-10	210	Sr.	Macon / Noxubee County (Itawamba)	Itawamba CC
30	Ronald White, Jr.	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Gary, Ind. / Wint-Emerson	Indiana State
31	Brandon Wade	DB	6-0	190	So.	Perry / Perry	
32	Christopher Coneway	RB	6-2	235	So.	Riverdale / Dutchtown	
34	Eldridge Dockery III	LB	6-2	225	So.	Chicago / Richards	
37	Jaylen Johnson	LB	6-1	205	So.	Perry / Perry	
41	Johnathan Adams	DB	6-0	160	So.	Louisville, Ky. / Doss	
43	Monte Davis	LB	6-2	230	So.	Hampton / Dutchtown	
44	Theron Foreman	LB	6-2	210	So.	Augusta / Laney	
45	Shawn Rogers	RB	5-8	190	Sr.	Gary, Ind. / Highland	Mesabi Range College
47	Ameer Lee	RB	6-1	210	So.	Frankfort, Ky. / Franklin County	
48	Andrew Perkins	DB	5-10	180	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Detroit Central	
49	Austin Stuckey	DB	5-10	175	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / LaSalle	

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51	Adam Andesha	OL	5-8	255	Sr.	Lakeland / Lakeland	
52	Eliezer Hernandez	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	West Palm Beach / Lake Worth	Army West Point
53	Gregory Austin, Jr.	OL	6-3	275	Sr.	New Orleans, La. / McEachern (GA)	Arkansas Baptist
54	Walter McClinton III	OL	6-3	290	So.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Sandalwood	
55	CJ Square	OL	6-0	320	Sr.	Monroe, La. / Carroll	Arkansas Baptist College
56	Darrell Dorris, Jr.	LB	6-3	235	R-Jr.	Quartz Hills, Ca. / Highland	Antelope Valley College
58	Tyler Wilder	LB	5-11	205	Sr.	Clarksburg / Clarksburg (North Carolina Wesleyan)	
59	Luis Aguiar	OL	6-3	260	Sr.	Torrance / West Torrance	El Camino College
60	Dakota Waldrige	LS	5-7	220	Sr.	Taylorsville, Ky. / Spencer County HS	
61	Keaton Davis	OL	6-1	280	Jr.	Anderson / Anderson	
62	Quadarrious McDonald	OL	5-11	275	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Linden-McKinley	
63	Mahireyaa Kao	K	5-10	194	Sr.	Washington / Roosevelt	
66	Aaron Kelsey	DL	6-1	215	So.	Millidgeville, Ga. / Baldwin	
67	Idris Shuaib	OL	5-10	235	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. / Desert Oasis	
69	D'Angelo Greys	OL	6-1	280	So.	Gary, Ind. / Roosevelt	
71	Evereth Carbajal	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	Lynwood, Calif. / Lynwood	West Los Angeles College
74	Anthony Geter	OL	5-11	260	R-Jr.	Memphis / Whitehaven (Tennessee State)	Tennessee State
75	Isaiah Carter	OL	6-1	290	So.	Douglassville, Ga. / New Manchester	
77	Antonio Chapman	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Chamblee Charter	
80	Carlton Swopes	WR	6-0	156	R-Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Glenville	Eastern Michigan University
87	Issac Fields	RB	5-8	160	Jr.	Wildwood, Fla. / Hernando	Cincinnati Christian
88	Colin Dwenger	TE	6-5	215	Jr.	Reynoldsburg, Ohio / Reynoldsburg HS	
90	Justin Hooks	DL	6-0	330	Sr.	Kissimmee / Liberty (Mesabi Range)	Mesabi Range C.C.
91	Elijah Grant	DL	5-10	300	So.	Clarksville / West Creek	
92	Devante Wright	DL	5-10	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. / Lees Summit	Antelope Valley College
93	Tyler Cronley	LS	6-2	176	So.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lincoln	
94	Tyus Short	DL	5-11	280	Sr.	Harrodsburg, Ky. / Mercer County HS	
95	Earnest Austin	DL	6-1	380	Sr.	Rockford, Ill. / Auburn	Ellsworth C.C.
96	Dominick Williams	DL	5-11	289	Sr.	Detroit / Oak Park	
97	Deaven Burns	LB	5-11	245	Sr.	Miami, Fla. / Central	Mesabi Range College
98	Jimmy Edmonds	DL	6-5	210	So.	Louisville / Ballard	

Football Coaching Staff

NAME	TITLE
Charlie Jackson	Head Football Coach
Larry Harold	Assistant Football Coach
Charles Hopkins	Assistant Football Coach

Welcome to Columbus



**Be Black
Buy Black
Think Black**

and everything else will take care of itself!
- Marcus Garvey



*I'd rather go down in history as
one lone Negro who dared to tell
the government that it had done a dastardly thing
than to save my skin by taking back what I said. -
Ida B. Wells*

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Highway Projects

- Eureka Ave, Valley View Dr, Highland Ave, & Harper Ave, **Apr 2021**
- Ormond Ave Drainage Part II, **Apr 2021**

Resurfacing Projects

- 50 E. Mound St Parking Lot, **Apr 2021**
- Franklin County Resurfacing Program, **May 2021**
- Township Resurfacing Program, **May 2021**
- Franklin County Maintenance & Safety Program, **May 2021**

Drainage Projects

- Cook Tri-County Ditch **Oct 2021**
- Kropp Road Drainage Outlet Improvements **Dec 2021**
- 2022 Drainage Maintenance **Nov 2021**

Bridge Projects

- Agler Rd over Alum Creek **Nov 2021**
- Borror Rd over Tributary of Strader Ditch, **May 2021**
- Hoover Rd over Tributary of Grant Run, **May 2021**
- Olentangy River Rd 11.40 & 11.62 Culverts, **Jun 2021**
- Schleppi Rd over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek, **May 2021**
- 2022 Bridge Maintenance **Nov 2021**

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As small and minority business owners consider asking the following questions to those seeking public office and your vote.

1. What have you done for Black-owned & minority businesses during your career?
2. What do you promise to do for Black-owned & minority businesses if elected?
3. What Black-owned & minority business do you regularly purchase products or services from?
4. Why should Black-owned & minority business owners vote for you?
5. How important is Black-owned & minority business development to the overall Ohio economy?
6. Are minority business set-asides and goals in city/county/state government still important and why?
7. What can the city/county/state do to improve its purchasing with minority businesses?
8. What should minority owned businesses do to get city/county/state contracts?
9. Is there anything else, aside from contracting that the city/county/state can do to assist MBE's?
10. Who are the major contributors to your campaign?



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How do I become a Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise (LEDE) Vendor with Columbus City Schools?

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Click VENDORS and complete the On-Line Vendor Registration and provide all pertinent information or by contacting the district's Purchasing Department at: (614) 365-5820.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

The Columbus City School District announces a Request for Qualifications for the following project: Renovation of HVAC Systems in “**Design-Build Delivery Model**”. The work will consist of one Design-Build contract consisting of: **Phase 14 Contract** – 4 school facilities. The scope of work includes but is not limited to HVAC renovation with related electrical, plumbing and architectural work required to complete the project. Criteria services for the project will be provided by Advanced Engineering Consultants, LLC.

A Virtual Informational Meeting covering the project will be held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the following location: <https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/84802607302?pwd=RjhKcy9hNE9MV0xaVHgzUU5EbW83dz09> To join by phone or app use the following: +1 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 848 0260 7302 Passcode: 976979

Submittals will be evaluated pursuant to ORC Chapter 153, including relevant past work of prospective firm(s), professional and other applicable consultants, quality control, response to CCS Community Inclusion Policy (Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise goal is 20% participation) and location of primary firm relative to project location. More information can be found at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

Responding firms are to submit one (1) electronic copy (in pdf format) of their qualifications on the OFCC F110-330 Statement of Qualifications Form (most recent version can be downloaded at <http://ofcc.ohio.gov/Documents/Forms>) to Capital Improvements, Construction Contract Manager; Brandie Bronston Houpe at bbronston@columbus.k12.oh.us. Part 1 is limited to 30 pages. EDGE requirements do not apply to this RFQ. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 2, 2021 by 2:00 PM.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. **Prevailing wage Rates DO apply to this project.** Direct questions to Matthew Muir at matthew.muir@aecmep.com.

City of Columbus – Department of Development

The Department of Development is looking for diverse vendors and contractors who are licensed with the City of Columbus working in the following areas:

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All proposals shall be submitted electronically through the webservice www.bidexpress.com. Proposals must contain the name of every person interested therein and shall be accompanied by a bid guaranty and contract bond for the full amount of bid; or in lieu of the bid guaranty and contract bond the bidder may submit a bid guaranty as provided by Section 153.54 of the Revised Code in the form of a certified check or cashier's check pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Revised Code. The amount of the certified check or cashier's check shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid. The certified check or cashier's check submitted with a bid will be held as a guarantee on an accepted bid proposal.

Bidders are **NOT** required to be pre-qualified with the Ohio Department of Transportation to submit a bid for this project.

The contract will be awarded within 60 days of the bid opening date. At that time, a bid guaranty and contract bond in the sum of 100% of the bid shall be executed in accordance with Section 307.89 of the Revised Code of Ohio. All qualified business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in awarding the subject contract.

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If you prefer to mail in a paper application, please mail it to the address below. Pre-employment drug screening and BCI& I background required if selected. City of Columbus is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Phone (614) 645-5802
Fax (614) 645-0500

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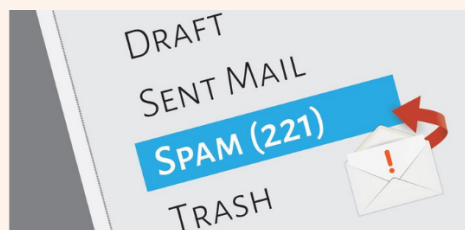
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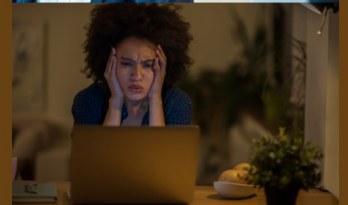
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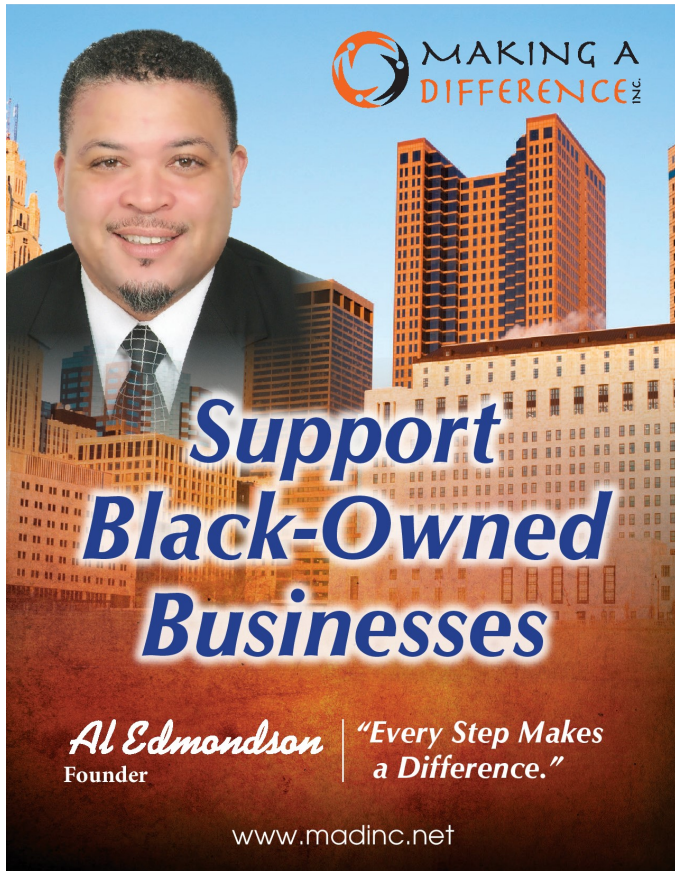
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