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The deadline to register for the November election is October 11. You can register in-person, [online](#) or by mail. Early voting begins on Oct 12.

Congrats to the 2022 OhioMBE Awards Honorees

Publisher's Award

- City of Columbus Diversity Youth Entrepreneur Program students

Frank W. Watson Advocacy Award

- Terri L. Wise, Columbus City Schools
- Eric Kearney, African American Chamber

Community Engagement

- Mu Iota Chapter—Omega Psi Phi

Business Legends

- Michael O. Gordon
- Dan Moncrief
- Lonnie Miles

Top Legislator

- State Representative Mark Fraizer



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Congratulations to the businesses nominated for an OhioMBE Award

The following businesses have been nominated for a 2022 OhioMBE Award as of Sept. 19. The 8th Annual OhioMBE Award luncheon will be held on Oct. 27 at Huntington Park. The premier networking event recognizes Ohio's best small businesses. The keynote speaker will be Cornelius Green, legendary former quarterback at Ohio State University. Tickets are available online at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/the912group/>

Aaron's Tasty Grill	
Adams Dental Assisting Academy	Ericka Adams
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All Seasons Restaurant And Catering	Troy Wheat
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Black Wall Street Pop-Up LLC	Rhonda Shehee
Central Contractor's & Redevelopment, LLC	Karee Martin
Columbus Black History Tours	Rita Fuller-Yates
Eleven 11 Behavioral Solutions	MARKITA CUMBERLANDER
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Expert Micro Systems, Incorporated	Patricia Opong
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Go Fund Your Life	Nicole Simpson Son
Green Harvest Health	Dr. Bridget Williams
Kincks By Nicki Wearable Art	Nichole Burton
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Rich Taste Catering	Clarece Richardson
SDVOSB Materials, Technology & Supply LLC	Harrison Kendall
Soza Fitness & Wellness LLC	Diawn Jones
Teacher of Men	Keith Dodley
The Five Party & Event Center	Ekima Smith
The Garage Door Guy	James Tucker



bid board

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Get a text notification when we post a contracting opportunity. Text OhioMBE to (855) 703-0748.

[Plans available for viewing in the City of Columbus Planroom](#)

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority (AMHA)

- [Security Systems Services and Related Work as needed at various locations in Summit County](#) – 11/19
- [Interior Renovations at Pinewoods Gardens](#) – 10/25
- [Pest Control Supplies](#) – 10/20

Building Crafts

- [Chillicothe WWTP](#) - 10/19

Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)

- [Jenkins Terrace HVAC Replacement](#) – 11/11

Columbus Regional Airport Authority

- REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ON-CALL AIRSIDE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR JOHN GLENN COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL, RICKENBACKER INTERNATIONAL, AND BOLTON FIELD AIRPORTS FOR THE COLUMBUS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

- [Bumper Car Building Renovation Zoombezi EMS/Security](#) – 10/7
- [Master Planning Design Services](#) - 10/24

Franklin County

- [Mowing and/or Plowing—Landscaping or Snow Removal Services](#) – 10/17
- [Canned, Dry, Frozen, and Dairy Food Products](#) – 10/19

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority values diversity and inclusion and the impact small and minority-owned firms have on the Central Ohio economy. The Columbus Regional Airport Authority invites you to access the following link:

www.columbusairports.diversitycompliance.com to register to do business with us and to view new bid opportunities and results. Email BusinessDiversity@ColumbusAirports.com for questions about the Diversity Programs at Columbus Regional Airport Authority.



Columbus City Schools issues solicitations on a regular basis for goods & services related to food, construction, technology, curriculum, & transportation. Interested vendors should periodically check our website at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

Meet the District

East High School
1500 E. Broad Street

Register at:
bit.ly/3MajXkd

Save The Date

10am
10.21



This is a very important meeting with members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and key Decision makers regarding Contracting and Procurement Opportunities. All Departments will be in attendance for this exciting event and you will have an opportunity to learn how to successfully market your Company to the district.

Why you should get your business certified?

There are several reasons why you should get your business certified:

1. Some entities have purchasing goals. Only certified businesses can participate.
2. Certification adds legitimacy to your business. You have gone through a process that has determined that your business is owned and controlled by a minority, woman or disadvantaged business.
3. Certification can afford you loan and bonding opportunities. The State of Ohio has loan and bonding programs specifically for certified minority owned businesses.
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 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.

Attend a class and learn how to get your business certified. Visit <https://buytickets.at/the912group/738330> for the upcoming class schedule.

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Columbus City Schools seeks LEDE vendors

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

Your Columbus City Schools Vendor Number allows you to conduct business with the School District.

You must first complete the CCS Vendor Application by visiting: www.columbus.k12.oh.us.

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.

Once registered as a Vendor with Purchasing, please complete the Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise (LEDE) Vendor Affidavit also on the district's website. This form must be Signed and Notarized. You can also contact the Outreach Office at: (614) 365-8732 or outreachservices@columbus.k12.oh.us

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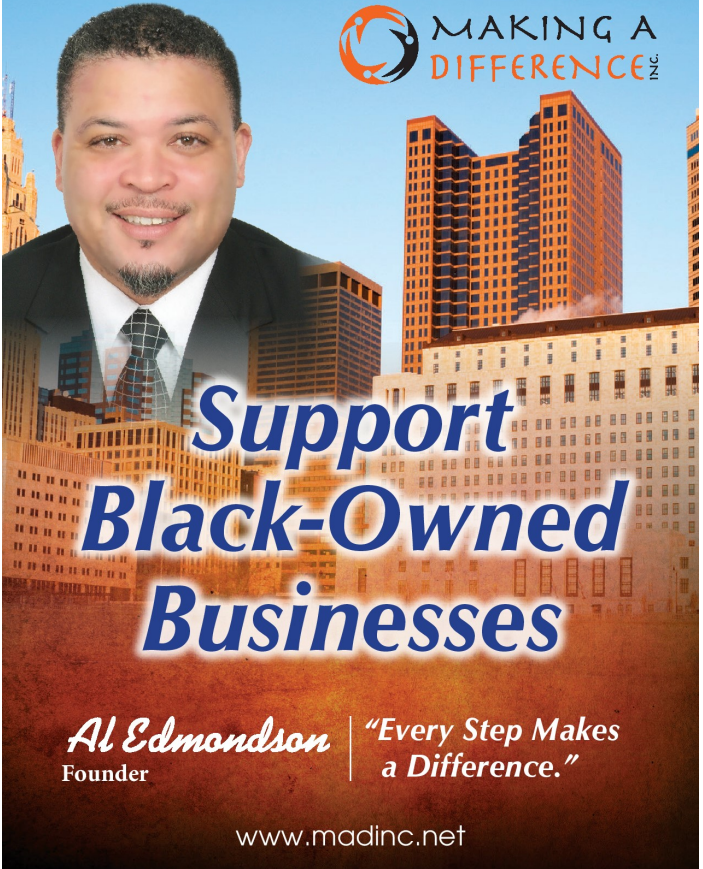
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**Hosting a business event?
Did you know you can
post it on OhioDiversityNetwork.com?**

Email: news@ohiombe.com for login information

Got your Black Card?



The Ohio Black Card and its mobile app have the mission of fostering business between Black-owned companies.

The mobile app features the electronic copy of OhioMBE, a business directory, a list of contracting opportunities, a collection of upcoming events, business resources and a bevy of vendors

who will offer a discount when presented with the Ohio Black Card.

The Ohio Black Card mobile app is available on Google Play and The App Store.

Don't have THE Ohio Black Card? Visit BlackCardOhio.com and get yours. The card is FREE. If you are a business who wants to be an Ohio Black Card vendor, please email news@ohiombe.com

2022 MBE Ohio AWARDS

October 27, 2022

The Club Bar at Huntington Park

Awards Luncheon—11:30 am to 1 pm

Networking Reception —4:30 pm to 7 pm

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