

Tri-State Minority Suppliers Development Council Meeting
Hosted by HOPE Community Development Corporation
Reverend Matthew J. Watts, President & CEO

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

I. **Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to fully utilize minority supplier certifications to identify minority vendors to participate in the procurement process.

II. **Goal**

To emphasize the importance of our joint efforts to enhance minority supplier capabilities and increase local contract opportunities that will create jobs in surrounding communities.

III. **Presentation by Ms. Sonya Brown**

1. Partnering with TSMSDC and the importance of certification.
2. How to do business with TSMSDC corporate members.
3. State, local and federal government opportunities and projects.
4. The value minority suppliers bring in helping to help improve a company's bottom line and competitiveness.
5. What does "Supplier Diversity" or a "commitment to diversity inclusion" really mean?

IV. **Panel Discussion:**

Ms. Sonya Brown - TSMSDC Director, MBE Certification
Ms. Melinda Durstock, Toyota (TEMA) Purchasing - Supplier Diversity
Mr. Gary Casto, Procurement, NGK Spark Plugs
Ms. Deborah Czewski -- US Army Corp of Engineers (ACE Director)
Mr. David Fontalbert, Deputy County Manager/CFO will represent Kanawha County
Ms. Shannon Milroy, Planning Director, City of Charleston
Mr. David Tincher, WV Purchasing Director (Invited)

Each panelist will discuss their respective topic for 10 minutes each, then follow-up with questions from the audience.

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Place: Grace Bible Church - 600 Kanawha Blvd., West, Charleston, West Virginia

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