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Transportation Agencies Host 12th Annual Transportation Symposium and Business Exchange

Businesses learn how to secure government contracts and bidding process

CHICAGO - Business owners interested in opportunities to land contracts with transportation agencies are invited to attend the 12th Annual Transportation Symposium and Business Exchange on December 2 from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave.

Participants will be able to promote their products and services, network, and create and build partnerships with other transportation industry vendors.

“The RTA is committed to partnering with a diverse array of businesses to reflect the diverse constituencies that our agency serves in northeastern Illinois,” according to Steve Schlickman, RTA Executive Director.

The event highlights include a workshop, “How to Get Bids, Get Contracts, and Get Paid!,” which will provide valuable insight into the bidding and proposal process, one-on-one discussions about the 2009 procurement forecast with Steve Schlickman, executive director, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Ron Huberman, executive director, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Thomas J. Ross, executive director, Pace, Phillip A. Pagano, executive director, Metra and a key representative from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and networking opportunities between industry-specific purchasing departments and personnel, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, leading suppliers, contractors, manufacturers, architects and engineers.

Professional service firms, engineers, architects and construction contractors are encouraged to attend. Registration begins at noon followed by the workshop from 1 pm to 2:30 pm and the Business Forum and Networking reception from 3 pm to 6 pm.

“This forum provides vendors and contractors with an opportunity to meet directly with the decision makers, receive, invaluable information, and assist in developing a better understanding of how we do business,” said Issa G. Lozada, IDOT Diversity Administrator.

For more information or to register for this event, contact Merry Green Promotions Group at 312-243-3554 or visit merrygreenpromotions.com to register online. Pre-registration \$75; on-site registration \$95.

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About the RTA: The RTA provides financial oversight, funding and regional planning for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and train, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit. For more information, visit www.rtachicago.com and www.MovingBeyondCongestion.org.