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REMINDER: Update Your DBE Profile

In efforts to keep all DBE information accurate and updated, please review your *DBE Directory* profile. For your convenience, the link is provided: <http://www.dot.state.ak.us/cvlrts/directory.shtml>.

If you would like to add or delete work categories you no longer perform or wish to perform, contact our Certification staff to initiate the changes to your DBE profile. The Certification staff may be reached by emailing ann.pham@alaska.gov or by dialing 907-269-0853 or 1 (800) 770-6236 within Alaska.

2016 Alaska Construction Career Day: Palmer, April 20, 2016



The 2016 Palmer Alaska Construction Career Day (ACCD) was yet again another successful event. There were approximately 635 students from 4 different schools districts and 27 schools. First time participants, Iliamna School brought 4 students from the Lake and Peninsula Borough School District. The students from Iliamna became aware of the event last year and started fundraising a year in advance to afford the opportunity to attend the 2016 ACCD. The dedication from these 4 individuals proves that more outreach must be done in the surrounding communities in Alaska. The OJT Support Services will look into bolstering participation from smaller

Career Day (Seward)
TBD

Alaska Construction
Career Day
(Ketchikan)
TBD

Regional Director &
DBE Brown Bag
Lunches: All three
regions TBD

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communities and look at the feasibility of starting grants for schools with students that express high interest in the trades. Moreover, this marks the 2nd year that middle school students participated in an ACCD. With the successful launch in 2015, the Anchorage School District decided to bring 2 middle schools in 2016. The Matsu Borough School District expanded from one middle school to 3 middle schools in 2016 as well. ACCD Palmer will continue to invite Career Technical Education (CTE) middle school students. A total of 144 middle school students attended the afternoon session.



In 2016, Palmer set a new record in vendor participation; there were a total of 26 vendors. New vendors included; ADOT&PF Statewide Public Facilities, ADOT&PF Central Region Surveying Section; APICC, UAA Career & Technical College, and Alaska Job Corps Electrical School. Many of the students expressed their interest in the new vendors, specifically the ADOT&PF Land Surveying station. The Civil Rights Office (CRO) held conversations with the UAA Construction Management Club who have expressed interest to participate in 2017.

ACCD Palmer used the services of Alaska Job Corps Security and Protective Services for the 2nd year in a row. Alaska Job Corps provided 11 Security Officers.

The CRO would like to thank the following event supporters for contributing to another successful ACCD event: AKA Hauling, AATCA, ADOT&PF Central Region Survey Section, ADOT&PF Statewide Public Facilities, Alaska Army National Guard, Alaska Industrial Hardware, Alaska Job Corps, Alaska Laborers Training School, Alaska Pacific Rental, Alaska State Fairgrounds, Alaska Regional Council of Carpenters Local 2520, Alaska Teamster, Alaska Works, Anchorage Sand & Gravel, Anchorage School District, AOEETT, APICC, Blaque Ice Productions, Construction Education Foundation Inc., DOLWD, DOLWD Mat-Su Job Center, The Lofts Hotel, Mat-Su School District, Military Youth Academy, NECA IBEW, Northern Industrial Training, Red Box, SACTC, Safety Inc./Zee Medical, Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship Program, Subway of Mat-Su, University of Alaska Mat-Su College and UAA CT College.

Mountain View Street Fair: June 11, 2016



On June 11, the CRO operated a booth at the Mountain View Street Fair & Refugee Day with the University of Alaska Anchorage Community & Technical College (UAA C&T) and Alaska Works

NEW DBEs

A & A Construction

B&B Electric Inc.

Global Gateway
Concessions North
America LLC

JCM & Associates
Inc.

Kemosabe
Enterprises

One on 1
Bookkeeping &
Consulting Service
LLC

VRPA Technologies
Inc.



Women in the Trades program (AWWIT). The Mountain View Street Fair was a great opportunity for all three parties to perform outreach to a diverse crowd who attended the event.

At the Mountain View Street Fair, the CRO promoted Think Apprenticeship Alaska, a program designed by both the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) and Alaska Department of Labor Workforce and Development (DOLWD). Together, both parties promote Alaskans joining Alaskan Apprenticeship programs. The Think Apprenticeship is a great opportunity for someone to learn a skillful trade and to apply it in the workforce helping others; a win, win situation! To learn more about the Think Apprenticeship program, visit <http://earnandlearnak.org/>.

The CRO also partnered with Darryl Jenkins, owner of Verging Dynamics, to perform safety trainings and discussions related to the workplace with fair attendees. Darryl gave three safety crash courses regarding bear safety of the job. Darryl shared his experiences while working on the North Slope and even detailed his close encounter with a polar bear! The bear safety course was well received and gathered large crowds. The safety courses were also interactive for kids too. Darryl has over 15 years of safety experience on-the-job and offers a wide range of safety courses specific to Alaska.

The CRO booth was a great hit at the street fair. The CRO passed out over 300 plastic hardhats to fair-goers. Governor Walker and first Lady Mrs. Walker, were able to attend and visit fair-goers at the DOT booth.



Keeping Safety First
A message from John MacKinnon, AGC



Silica dust, confined spaces, lead paint, excessive noise levels are the subject of the latest regulations to come from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration - OSHA. They are some of the latest workplace environmental threats workers can be exposed to. If you've ever experienced an OSHA inspection, you might have found you were in violation of some requirements that you had never heard of. If so, you aren't alone.

The increasingly complex and ever-changing universe of regulations coming from government can be a challenge for even the largest contractors to keep current and compliant. Imagine the challenge that safety compliance can be for an average sized company.

AGC's Safety Committee recognized the problems companies have keeping current and have restated their mission statement:

This committee is the means for AGC members to obtain knowledge on upcoming safety issues affecting the industry, receive assistance to achieve compliance with OSHA regulations, provide opportunities for safety training & education for member companies, and to act as resource for safety materials and information.

Armed with this new mission statement, the AGC Safety Committee is developing an AGC Safety Database. The Database is intended to be a resource for all businesses for safety compliance and trainings. It will include safety documents, forms, training information, record keeping, safety and health policies, safe material handling methods, and much more for a number of construction industry related fields. Industries covered will include, but is not limited to, construction, oil & gas, marine, aviation, demolition, MSHA and DOT.

The database of downloadable documents will provide the most current safety related information to Alaskan companies. Just as AGC Online Plans makes plans and project specifications accessible from anywhere using a tablet or smart phone (or at a desktop computer in the main office) the AGC Safety Database will also be accessible from anywhere you have a Wi-Fi signal. This will give any size company the ability to have the information available to keep their employees, safe and their projects compliant.

We want this database to be a tool to allow ALL companies to focus on safety for their employees and we are committed to keeping it current via our committee members at no charge to the users of the system. Keep an eye out for the database as it develops at AGCAK.org.

Quality Assurance Reviews: Northern Region

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Civil Rights Office recently completed its 2016 reviews of DBE and OJT program compliance on construction projects in the DOT&PF Northern Region. During the reviews, interviews were conducted with representatives from DOT&PF Northern Region, DBE and non-DBE contractors, and OJT program apprentices to identify and address program administration issues and provide guidance for best practices. Thank you to all contractors, apprentices, and DOT&PF personnel who took part in the reviews for helping to improve the DBE and OJT programs.



ADOT&PF Procedure Reminder

For prime contractors working on federally-funded projects, please be sure to submit to the DOT&PF CRO Form 25A-336 (Monthly Summary) on a monthly basis. For questions regarding completion and submission of form 25A-336, please contact Adam Marks with the CRO at 907-269-0846.

DBE Orientations for All DBEs

The CRO will be scheduling DBE orientations quarterly. These orientations are geared for newly

certified DBEs, however, all DBEs are welcomed and encouraged to participate. The orientations are a great opportunity to learn about program updates, navigating the CRO and Procurement websites as well as doing business with DOT. DBE orientations take place in either the small or large conference rooms at the ADOT&PF Annex located at 2200 East 42nd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518. The latest orientation occurred June 23, 2016.

We would like to thank all firms who attended. Matt deLaBruere will be sending out reminders as to when the orientations will occur each quarter. If you have any questions, please email Matt at matt.delabruere@alaska.gov.

Corlotta Robinson Retirement



The CRO would like to congratulate Corlotta Robinson with her retirement from the State of Alaska on May 31, 2016. Corlotta has served the state with more than 22 years of service. She will be dearly missed and we would like to thank her for her service here at the CRO. For any questions regarding DBE certification, please contact Ann Pham at ann.pham@alaska.gov.

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