

**2nd Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
Small Business Training Symposium
October 25, 2011**

Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Business Development Program

Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel Conference Center
2424 South Mission St.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
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Monday, October 24, 2011

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Early Registration
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Mix and Mingle Reception

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

7:30 am to 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Welcome and Conference Overview: Pat Collins, Administrator, MDOT Business Development Program
9:15 am to 10:00 am	Keynote Address: Donald E. Snider, Senior Vice President of Urban Economic Development, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
10:15 am to 11:00 am	General Session: DBE Fraud – A Federal Investigator’s Perspective – Mark Peters, U.S. Department of Transportation
11:15 am to 12:00 pm	General Session: Prompt Pay – Update on MDOT’s Prompt Pay Process and the New 2011 Specifications Book – Brenda O’Brien, MDOT Engineer of Construction & Technology
12:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Russell Jorgenson, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration – Michigan Division
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm	<p align="center">Concurrent Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinventing MDOT: An Overview of New Organizational Changes at MDOT • Promoting your Business in This Economy; Networking and Presentation Skills • How to Get a Non-Highway Contract • Free State of Michigan Resources for Small Business Owners • Emerging Service Contracting Issues – A Roundtable Discussion
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm	<p align="center">Concurrent Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Emerging Transportation Construction Issues • How to Get a Loan and Bonding • Understanding MDOT Requirements: A Refresher for Architect and Engineering Firms • The Portable Office: Tips for Running Your Business From the Field • Ten Tips for Business Success
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Closing Comments: Pat Collins, MDOT Business Development Program

Mention the DBE Symposium for the \$65.00 special room rate.
There is no cost to attend this symposium, so register early. Deadline to register is Oct. 14, 2011.

Go to: <http://2011dbesymposium.eventbrite.com> to register.

(Call Connie Durham at 517-373-2377 if you cannot register online.)

Schedule is subject to change.