

**February 2026**  
**"Building the Future, Together..."**

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## **Your monthly news & updates**

**Four Pillars of the MPMSDC**  
**Certify~~Connect~~Develop~~Advocate**

[Visit our Website](#)

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### **What does the Mountain Plains MSDC do?**

The Mountain Plains Minority Supplier Development Council (**MPMSDC**) provides solutions for corporations that want to partner with the Council to leverage talent, capabilities, and markets that minority suppliers represent. The MPMSDC certifies minority suppliers.

We certify minority suppliers so that Corporate America can maximize and measure the impact of minority suppliers have on communities of color and ethnicity.

[Mountain Plains MSDC](#)

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## **A Message from MPMSDC Leadership**



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**Hello MBE community, partners, and supporters!**

**The first two months in my new role as MPMSDC CEO have gone quickly, but have been filled with valuable feedback, stakeholder insights, and requests from strategic partners to collaborate in 2026.**

**I look forward to meeting many of you at a scheduled CEO Welcome event, please introduce yourself and take advantage of the office hours if you are available.**

Our focus at MPMSDC for 2026 is one rooted in MBE growth, MBE strategic partnerships, MBE professional development and supportive corporate members and sponsors. It is shaping up to be an eventful year, and we look forward to increased MBE engagement and curated convenings that add value to your business growth.

Warm regards,  
Stephanie Knight  
President & CEO, MPMSDC

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# Which One Will You Attend?






## Meet & Greet Our President & CEO, Stephanie Knight

Join us for a live, in-person regional Meet & Greet as we welcome

**Stephanie Knight**, President & CEO of MPMSDC.

Choose the location that works best for you and connect with regional peers, partners, and leadership.

 **KANSAS CITY, MO**  
 **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**  
 **Program: 1:00 – 3:00 PM**  
 **Office Hours (1:1s): 3:00 – 5:00 PM**  
 **Minority Chambers Development Center (MCDC)**  
9100 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114  
 **[Register for KCMO](#)**

 **COLORADO**  
 **Friday, February 27, 2026**  
 **Program: 9:00 – 11:00 AM**  
 **Kiewit Regional Headquarters**  
10055 Trainstation Circle, Lone Tree, CO 80124  
 **[Register for Colorado](#)**



## NEBRASKA



**Friday, March 6, 2026**



**Program: 9:00-Noon**



**Mammel Hall, Room 120  
6708 Pine Street, Omaha, NE**



**[Register for Nebraska](#)**

Visit our Website



### **Welcome Our New & Recently Recertified MBEs**

We're excited to recognize the businesses that have recently joined or renewed their certification with MPMSDC. Please join us in welcoming and supporting these companies across our region.



**Alexander Mechanical, Inc.**



[Website:](#)



**Location: Kansas City, MO**



**Denver Management Advisors, Inc.**





[Website:](#)



**Location: Greenwood Village, CO**



**J&R Investments dba Woodley Building Maintenance**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Kansas City, MO

 **Tate Law, P.C.**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO

 **Teach Financial Literacy, LLC**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Grand Island, NE

 **Watershed Advocates, LLC dba Best Option Restoration**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Lakewood, CO

 **All American Seasonings, Inc.**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO



 **Alvarado Construction, Inc**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO

 **Custom Engineering, Inc.**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Independence, MO


 **Donna K Curlin Sistergirlfoundation**

 Website:  
 Location: Denver, CO

 **G4 Energy, LLC**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO



 **Insignia Partners Consulting**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Boulder, CO

 **Native American Enterprises LLC**


 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Wichita, KS

 **netRelevance, LLC**



 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Colorado Springs, CO

 **Saptron, LLC**





 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Severance, CO

 **Sumables**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Ft. Collins, CO



 **Gates Management Corp**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Kansas City, MO

 **Good Bread, Inc dba BluePoint Bakery**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO

 **GPW & Associates, LLC**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Lawrence, KS

 **Gypsum Services Inc**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Bennett, CO



 **Human Resources Unleashed**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Greenwood Village, CO

 **RTL Networks, Inc**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Denver, CO

 **Technology Group Solutions, LLC**

 [Website:](#)  
 Location: Lenexa, KS



## **Support our MBEs**

We encourage corporate members, strategic partners, and fellow MBEs to visit their websites, make connections, and explore partnership opportunities.

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Stay informed about the latest events and engagements organized by the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). If you're eager to expand your network, gain valuable insights, and connect with industry leaders, look no further!

To discover a diverse range of upcoming events and to secure your spot, we invite you to click on the NMSDC Events Calendar. This invaluable resource is your gateway to a world of professional growth, innovation, and collaboration within the NMSDC community.



**Stay Connected with  
the National Council!**

**There are many  
events to attend each  
month:**

**[Events Calendar](#)**

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**Stay informed on what our  
strategic partners and friends of  
the MPMSDC are doing!**

 **Don't Miss Out! Stay Connected to Our Community**

**See what our Strategic Partners and Corporate  
Members are doing across the region!  
Discover upcoming events, business  
opportunities, and valuable resources designed  
to help you grow and connect.**

 **[Click the logos, links or flyers below](#) to view  
full details and registration links — you won't  
want to miss what's happening!**

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS  
from Our Strategic Partners & Friends of  
MPMSDC**

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Join your friends from Burns & McDonnell for Impactful Partnerships Symposium - February 25, 2026 |



Date: February 25, 2026



Time: 11:00 a.m. CT



Location: Burns & McDonnell

Join us for a lively discussion on how supplier readiness drives safe execution, drives innovation, and strong project partnerships, featuring Burns & McDonnell leaders and guest speaker Dr. Berkley Baker, followed by recognition of our Partners of the Year.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to RSVP here:

**[RSVP Here](#)**

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**Lakewood**  
Economic Development

# LUNCH & CHATS

Minorities in Business

## MARCH 10

12 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.  
480 S. ALLISON PKWY.  
FREE TO ATTEND

### Guest Panel Speakers:

Ale Spray, CEO & President of  
Hispanic Contractors of Colorado

Fran Campbell, CEO & President of  
the Asian Chamber of Commerce

Stephanie Knight, CEO & President  
of Mountain Plains Minority  
Supplier Development Council

## Register TODAY



Please contact Maggie Briggs  
at [mbriggs@lakewood.org](mailto:mbriggs@lakewood.org)  
with any questions.



[LakewoodCO.gov/LunchandChats](https://LakewoodCO.gov/LunchandChats)

# MISSION COLORADO

TUESDAY MARCH 10TH | 8:00AM - 11:00 AM

559 E. PIKES PEAK, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION FEE \$10



Mission Colorado is a fast paced, practical session that takes the mystery out of doing business with the State of Colorado. You will get clear guidance on certification, procurement, bonding support, tax credits, and access to capital all explained in plain language with real world examples. This is not a theory class. You will leave knowing exactly what steps to take next to position your business for real contracting and growth opportunities across Colorado.

REGISTER AT [WWW.PIKESPEAKSBDC.ORG](http://WWW.PIKESPEAKSBDC.ORG)



**COLORADO**  
Office of Economic Development  
& International Trade  
Minority Business Office



**COLORADO**  
Division of Human Resources  
Department of Personnel & Administration



## Start Your Day with RTD

Are you considering expanding your business beyond residential and commercial projects into government contracting? Join us and RTD to learn the fundamentals of doing business with RTD and how to leverage their Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification. You will learn:

- How to become a registered vendor on RTD Procurement Portal / Understanding RTD's Procurement and Solicitation Portal
- Current and Upcoming Solicitations of RTD 2026 Contracting Opportunities
- Get RTD Small Business Certification – Benefits to get certified as an SBE at no cost with RTD

### Event Details:

- Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
- Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Location: Virtual
- Register to reserve your spot: <https://forms.gle/4givWH3XXd5TyNGb6>  
Or Scan to register:



Anyone who would like to request accommodations or who has questions about accessibility may contact [mbo@state.co.us](mailto:mbo@state.co.us) at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

### Connect with our team:

Website: [oeedit.colorado.gov/mbo](https://oeedit.colorado.gov/mbo)

General Questions: [mbo@state.co.us](mailto:mbo@state.co.us)



Evergy's Connecting for Good Hometown Grants opens February 2! Applications will be accepted February 2 – March 4 at [Hometown Grant - Evergy](#).

The application opened today and closes at 5 PM on March 4.

Helping local non-profits energize a better future and win up to \$10,000 for basic needs-focused community projects.

Does your non-profit (501c3) have an idea that will Connect for Good in our community? Let us know! We're looking for innovative projects that help make a difference in the areas of food insecurity, housing, hygiene and/or utility bill payment assistance. This is a one-time grant geared toward expanding capacity or special projects outside of normal operations.

Your organization could be one of three awardees to receive a grant of up to \$10,000 for your project. Ten projects will be selected to be voted on via Facebook with up to three awardees with a grant of up to \$10,000.

[Click here for the Hometown Grants website and rules.](#)

[Learn all the ways we're working to improve our communities.](#)

Questions? Contact [hometowngrant@evergy.com](mailto:hometowngrant@evergy.com)



2026 WBE Resource Portal 101

**Feb 18, 2026**

Description: The WBEC-West WBE Resource Portal (WRP) is a powerful, exclusive tool filled with essential resources to help you maximize the impact of your WBENC certification. In this step-by-step session, we'll guide you through the portal, demonstrating how to connect with other WBEs interested in mutual business, forming strategic partnerships, and collaborating on upcoming bid opportunities.

Registration: <https://site.eventmatches.com/resourcefeb26>

2026 Ins and Outs of WBENC Certification

**February 19, 2026**

Description: Are you a woman business owner ready to take your business to the next level? Join WBEC-West for this must-attend webinar where we'll walk you step-by-step through

the **WBENC Certification process** — and show you how becoming **WBE Certified** can open doors to **national contracts, supplier opportunities, and corporate partnerships.**

Registration: <https://site.eventmatches.com/InsFeb26>

UT- How to do Business with the UT Jazz

**Feb 26, 2026**

Description: Join WBEC-West and the Utah Jazz for an exclusive, behind-the-scenes experience designed specifically for Certified WBEs and local business owners. This high-energy session provides a rare inside look at how to do business with one of Utah's most recognized and influential organizations

Registration: <https://site.eventmatches.com/UTJazzProcurement>

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## FORT LUPTON SUPPLIER ENGAGEMENT EVENT



Join us for an in-person Local and Small Business Subcontractor/Supplier Outreach and Networking Event to learn about the project, upcoming contractor opportunities and meet the project leadership team.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 | 4:30 - 6:30PM**  
10055 Trainstation Circle | Lone Tree, CO 80124

### PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### Q3 2026

##### Engineered Equipment

- Instruments-EE

##### Permanent Equipment/Material

- Precast
- Pipe - Supports (Non-Engineered)
- Bolts, Nuts and Gaskets (BNG)
- Wire and Cable
- Electrical Bulks

##### Subcontract

- Heavy Haul
- Insulation & Lagging
- Painting & Coatings
- Asphalt Paving
- Concrete Wet Finish
- Misc. General Building Trades
  - Electricians
  - Plumbers

#### Misc. Indirect Support

- Janitorial Services
- Security
- Trash Removal

#### Q2 2027

##### Permanent Equipment/Material

- Startup PMs

##### Subcontract

- Startup PSAs
- Third Party Electrical Testing

#### Q3 2027

- Pipe Labeling
- Lightning

#### Q4 2027

- Fiber Terms



### CONNECT WITH US FOR OPPORTUNITIES

Kiewit is seeking to engage local and small firms interested in professional services, construction and supplier opportunities. To help us understand your capabilities and bidding interest and ensure that you are notified about upcoming project opportunities, complete our Subcontractor Questionnaire.

### SUBCONTRACTOR QUESTIONNAIRE

**CLICK HERE  
TO RSVP**

Contact the project team for more information  
[Ft.Lupton.Engagement@kiewit.com](mailto:Ft.Lupton.Engagement@kiewit.com)





## HUMAN RESOURCES & INCLUSION PRACTICE

The workforce, workplace, marketplace, and community are changing in ways that require a management and leadership approach that embraces human resources and inclusion, leading to a greater belonging.

### HR&I: Shaping the Future



#### Workforce

Do you need to enhance your workforce to attract, retain, and develop employees at all levels?



#### Workplace

Do you want to create an atmosphere that promotes a sense of belonging?



#### Community

Do you aspire to align with community partners?



#### Marketplace

Do you seek to connect with markets and suppliers for improved business opportunities?

### Authentico has the solutions!

#### Dr. Andrea Hendricks

Chief Executive Officer/Managing Partner  
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(816)729-8616 | [www.weareauthentico.com](http://www.weareauthentico.com)



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Coaching



Assessments



Engagement,  
Outreach &  
Signature Events



Learning & Development



HR Strategy &  
Fractional Projects



Inclusion Strategy &  
Fractional Projects

## Strategy support for your team in 2026

As organizations continue to align and pivot while facing new challenges, we're encountering increasing demand for Human Resources and Inclusion functions – from learning & development strategy to cultural integration. To meet needs effectively without the significant overhead of a full-time executive, organizations are exploring connections with fractional HR and Inclusion work. Authentico has the right framework to explore these opportunities. Over the past 3 years, Authentico has worked with over 50 clients delivering HR and Inclusion fractional work for small, medium, and large organizations locally and nationally. A fractional HR and Inclusion professional offers strategic expertise on a part-time basis, providing:

- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Access senior-level HR strategy at a fraction of the cost of a full-time hire.

- **Scalable Support:** Tailored hours (e.g., 1-2 days/week or a few hours) to match current needs, scaling up or down as required.
- **Expertise:** Direct access to specialized skills in HR strategy, learning and development, talent acquisition, policy development, or culture building.
- **Focus on Growth:** Frees up leadership to focus on core business while ensuring HR and Inclusion best practices support our goals.

This isn't just about filling a gap; it's about building a solid foundation for sustained growth, addressing cultural needs, and managing complex issues like workforce, workplace, marketplace, and community challenges.

I'd like to schedule a brief, 30-minute meeting to discuss your specific HR and Inclusion needs for 2026 and how a fractional model could deliver immediate value.

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**Authentico**  
**CEO/Managing Partner**  
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# Turner

GET IN. GET CONNECTED. GET PREQUALIFIED FOR WORK!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 | 3:00PM-7:00PM

SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER OMAHA | 2825 Y STREET OMAHA, NE 68107

## JOIN US!

### SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS & EMERGING WORKFORCE PARTNERS!

Join us for dinner and a powerful four-hour networking and info session designed to connect local subcontractors, vendors, and workforce partners with major opportunities!

You'll hear directly from **six leading contractors about upcoming scopes of work—primarily focused on hyperscale data center developments—alongside insights into other exciting projects happening in the area.**

Whether you're an established subcontractor, a trusted vendor, or a small local business eager to expand, this event is designed for intentional partnership. These opportunities aim to **integrate larger trade partners with emerging firms, fostering collaboration and creating pathways for all to succeed in the hyperscale market** and beyond.

This is your chance to get in the room where decisions are made. Show up, stand out, and shape your future in data center construction.

#### PREQUALIFICATION INTEREST INTAKE ONSITE

We'll use a simple Prequalification Interest Form to collect your business info. After the event, our teams will follow up to guide you through the full prequalification process.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

#### DATE & TIME

Thursday, February 12, 2026  
3:00PM - 7:00PM

#### LOCATION

SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER OMAHA  
2825 Y Street  
Omaha, NE 68107

#### QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding this program, contact:

**Brennetta Harris** at  
[brennetta.harris@mortenson.com](mailto:brennetta.harris@mortenson.com)



#### PRESENTING CONTRACTORS

Turner Construction are hosting an in-depth informational session with small business partners discussing how to get work within hyperscale data center portfolios.

Five GCs currently working on hyperscale data centers, along with key trade partners (mechanical, electrical, etc.) will be there to meet with small businesses and walk them through the steps to get work on these mega projects.

# Turner

# KC Connect

A Turner Construction UBE Outreach Event



Wednesday, February 25



8:00 am - 9:30 am



Turner Construction Company

1220 Washington St, Suite 100  
Kansas City, MO 64105

#### Event Highlights:

- Connect with Our Operations Team
- Explore Bidding Opportunities
- Meet Resource Partners

**REGISTER TODAY!**

To register, scan the QR code or go to  
<https://forms.office.com/r/ZcZdGvExDd>



Turner is committed to expanding the opportunities  
available to small and local businesses.



# COLORADO

## Supplier Diversity Business Directory

### EAT, SHOP & ENJOY LOCAL. LIVE

Apply for a FREE directory listing to receive:

- Increased visibility to government buyers across the state
- Diverse business verification by submitting your MPMSDC certification
- Upcoming training and event notifications
- Logos to use on promotional materials (verified businesses only)

*Scan to Apply*



### Verification and Assistance Provided by the Colorado Supplier Diversity Navigator

Services provided:

- Business verification
- Identify procurement opportunities
- Assistance responding to solicitations
- Construction bond assistance

Learn more about the Colorado Supplier Diversity  
Program: [dhr.colorado.gov/sd](http://dhr.colorado.gov/sd)



DPA\_SupplierDiversityHelp  
@state.co.us

303.866.5765

Any business registered and in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State can apply for a free Colorado Supplier Diversity Directory listing.



# COLORADO

## Office of Economic Development & International Trade

### New Construction Bond Assistance Training

The State of Colorado launched a new construction bond training program (in English and Spanish) that equips contractors with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand, obtain, and manage bonds for State construction projects. The training is available on-demand on both partner websites. Get started on the training and create a free account [here](#):

- [Construction Bond Assistance Online Course \(English\)](#)
- [Curso en línea de asistencia para fianzas de construcción \(español\)](#)

This training was produced by the Statewide Equity Office's [Bond Assistance Program](#) at the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration in collaboration with the [Colorado Minority Business Office](#) at the Office of Economic Development & International Trade in response to a 2020 Disparity Study, which identified the need to support contractors with construction bond assistance and because construction bonds are required for performance on State contracts.

The Statewide Equity Office's [Bond Assistance Program](#) offers collateral for new contractors working with the State on general construction and bridge and highway construction projects. The program is also working on a guide for contractors to understand entry points and opportunities for working on State construction projects.



This announcement comes shortly after the successful launch of the [Colorado Supplier Diversity Directory](#), where businesses can apply to be listed for FREE and have their business designations verified as a HUBZone, small, diverse-owned, and/or veteran-owned business. This helps buyers in the State connect with Colorado businesses, resulting in the best value to the State and ensuring that tax dollars spent by the State government are supporting local businesses. Partners at the Minority Business Office will work with businesses seeking certifications.

Those interested in learning more about this training, the Statewide Bond Assistance program, or applying for a FREE listing on the business directory are encouraged to contact the Colorado Supplier Diversity Navigator by calling 303-866-5765, emailing **DPA\_SupplierDiversityHelp@state.co.us**, or by visiting [dhr.colorado.gov/sd](http://dhr.colorado.gov/sd).

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# ONEBiz

"ONEBiz is a dynamic platform developed to fill a gap in small business creation and development. It supports new and existing businesses in the fundamentals of business establishment, growth, and navigation of Omaha's community resource ecosystem and local government services. By connecting entrepreneurs with essential tools, guidance, and partnerships, ONEBiz streamlines access to vital resources for growth and success. Whether you are launching a startup or expanding an established business, ONEBiz serves as a bridge to opportunities within the City of Omaha."

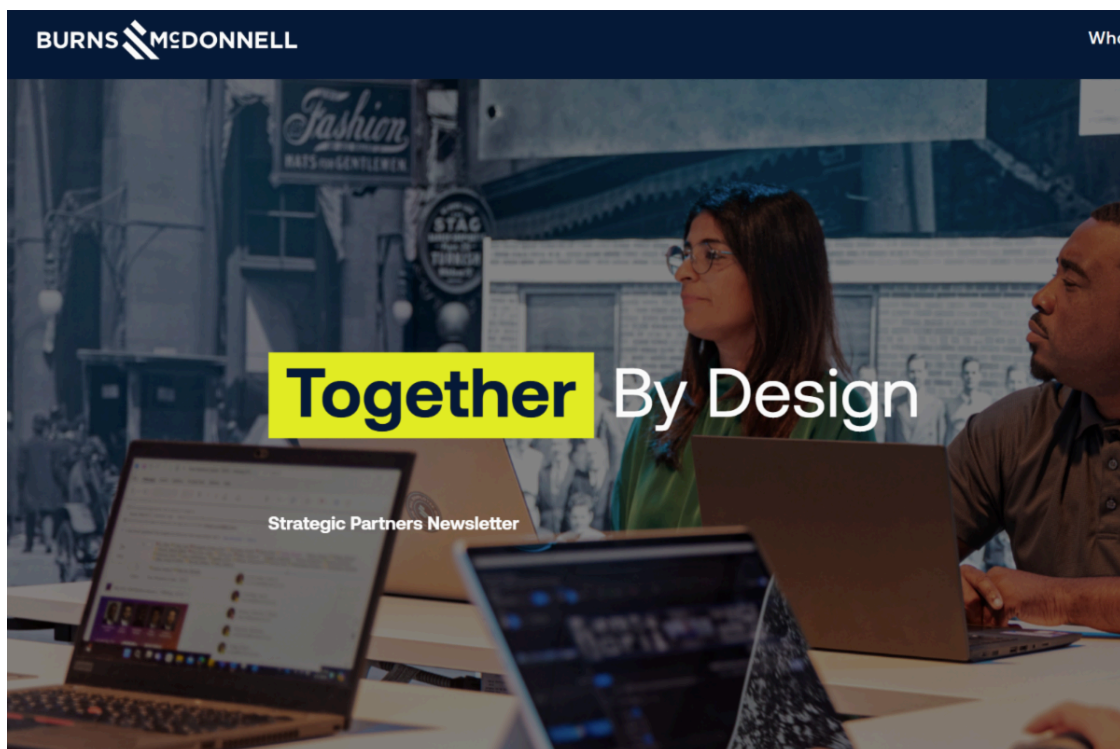
[Welcome to ONEBiz | Omaha Nebraska is open for Business | Omaha ONEBiz](#)

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In today's unpredictable business climate, most great business owners have succeeded because of a mentor; someone who believed in their potential and helped them navigate the complex world of entrepreneurship. This rings especially true for the owners of small, diverse businesses, who often face many barriers to success.

Our latest edition of **Together By Design** highlights two companies that have benefited from our Accelerate mentorship program, a joint venture with Evergy and Ralph G. Moore & Associates. Read about our Accelerate graduates and see how mentorship is making an impact.



[CLICK HERE TO READ FULL BURNS & McDONNELL NEWSLETTER](#)



**\*\*BID OPPORTUNITY\*\***  
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Exciting News from Hickman Mills C-1 School District!

We are thrilled to announce that Hickman Mills C-1 School District is seeking proposals for a variety of exciting projects and initiatives. This is your chance to collaborate with us and make a meaningful impact on our school community.

Stay tuned and keep checking back regularly to discover the latest opportunities. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of something amazing!

**Bid Webpage**



Startups + Industry  
Innovate With NREL

We serve our private and public funding partners by leveraging the capabilities at NREL and activating our network of startups, investors, incubators, foundations, and industry partners.



### ☀️ Partner with Denver Public Schools (DPS)! ☀️

#### 👛 Learn How to Do Business with DPS

DPS offers monthly workshops to help potential contractors and vendors navigate the bidding process and discover opportunities within the district.

#### 📅 Workshop Details:

- When: Every second Thursday of the month, from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Where: Acoma Campus, 1617 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223
- Virtual Option: Available upon request. Contact Jennifer Malpiede at [jennifer\\_malpiede@dpsk12.org](mailto:jennifer_malpiede@dpsk12.org) for virtual attendance.

#### 📊 Why Attend?

- Gain a comprehensive overview of the DPS bidding process.
- Learn what's needed to become a business partner.
- Stay informed on your application status and upcoming bid opportunities through the Office of Business Diversity (OBD).

#### ✉️ Contact Us:

- Phone: 720-423-1920
- Email: Business Diversity

🚀 Take the first step toward partnering with DPS and unlocking exciting opportunities!

**2026 Coffee Chat Series:** This event provides a casual environment for district vendors, employees, and community members to gather and connect.

- February 25
- May 27
- August 26
- November 18

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Convivio Cafe

4935 West 38th Avenue


Denver, CO 80212


Parking: Street parking


## DPS Calendar of Events


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### **Attention MBEs: Explore Procurement Opportunities with Denver Public Schools!**

 **Discover New Projects:** Access the Denver Public Schools (DPS) bid page to explore a wide range of projects tailored for diverse businesses.

 **Expand Your Business:** DPS offers incredible procurement opportunities—don't miss out on these chances to grow and collaborate!

 **Get Started:** Visit the DPS bid page today and position your business for success.

 **Act Now:** These opportunities won't last long. Be sure to check the bid page regularly for updates!

 **Your next big project could be just a click away!**

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## DPS BID PAGE

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**Launch**  
Internship Program



## JOIN OUR PARTNER INFO SESSION

**WED, FEB 11  
12:30 - 1:30 PM MT**



Scan me

GET READY TO  
HOST YOUR DPS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
INTERNS  
THIS SUMMER!

- PLACEMENTS RUN JUNE 8 - JULY 17
- STUDENTS WORK 18-20 HRS PER WK (110 TOTAL)
- SUPPORT PROVIDED BY DPS CAREER NAVIGATORS

LEARN ABOUT THE LAUNCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT  
[VIMEO.COM/941319238](https://vimeo.com/941319238)



**DENVER  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**Career and College Success**  
Career Development





## Making Learning Real Through K-12 Education & Industry Partnerships

Denver Public Schools is looking to engage with new companies in Metro Denver through its Career Development Programs!

The district's K-12 work-based learning initiatives offers students the chance to explore their career identity, visualize what's possible, and gain hands-on experience within their pathway of interest.

By collaborating with local businesses, DPS is committed to broadening opportunities for youth while strengthening a local homegrown talent pipeline in the community. Programs include industry exploration events, career mentorships, high school internships, and more.

Promote your company and industry to the next generation of our workforce in 2025 by submitting a **Partner Interest Form.**

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need additional info.

And thank you so much for giving my team a platform to help promote these impactful initiatives in support of DPS students! 🎉

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### MISSION

The Business Consortium Fund, Inc. (BCF) exists to empower entrepreneurs by advancing equitable capital access for business owners of color. We provide funding and advice to certified minority businesses operating in the supply chains of the nation's largest corporations, as well as the supply chains of government organizations.

### VISION

We envision a thriving economy with equitable capital access for business owners of color, including eliminating the racial wealth gap.

100% of  
loans made  
to business  
owners of  
color

\$228M of  
loans since  
1987

950  
businesses  
served

119 years of  
combined  
experience

Loans sized  
\$15K to  
\$1.125M








Deeply  
embedded in  
the supplier  
diversity  
ecosystem

## OFFERINGS

### LOAN TYPES

-  Short term working capital (1 to 5 years)
-  Long term debt (5 to 10 years)
-  Receivables financing
-  Purchase order financing
-  Equipment financing
-  Micro loans from \$10K to \$100K

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

-  Past 3 years financial statements
-  Past 3 years filed business and personal tax returns
-  Personal financial statement for the owner
-  Accounts receivable and payable aging reports
-  6 months of business bank statements
-  Bios for company owners and key employees
-  Personal guarantee from owners 10% or greater

APPLY AT: [bcfcapital.com](https://bcfcapital.com)

*Access to supplier  
contracts is a proven  
path for growth to small  
business owners.*

### CONTACT US

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-  Ruben Rodriguez | Chief Lending Officer  
[rrodriguez@bcfcapital.com](mailto:rrodriguez@bcfcapital.com)  
212.243.7360 x 203

# 2026 MBEIC UPDATES

## What is the MBEIC?

Each affiliate regional council has a Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (**MBEIC**) that consists of owners/executives of minority businesses elected by local NMSDC- certified MBEs. As a standing committee of the affiliate regional council's Board of Directors, the MBEIC provides constructive input, promotes council events and activities, develops programs and serves as the liaison between corporate members, staff and MBEs.

## **NEWS from the MBEIC February 2026**

The MBEIC is excited to invite you to a special upcoming opportunity to connect with the new President & CEO of MPMSDC, Stephanie Knight.

On February 27th, we will gather as a community to welcome Stephanie, hear her vision for the Council, and strengthen the relationships that move our network forward. This is more than an introduction—it's a chance for MBEs, corporate members, and partners to engage in meaningful dialogue about growth, advocacy, and the future of supplier diversity in our region.

We encourage you to join us, bring your perspective, and be part of shaping the next chapter of MPMSDC together.

When: February 27, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Kiewit, 10055 Trainstation Circle, Lone Tree, CO

**Stay tuned for more ways the MBEIC is working  
to advocate for and support our certified  
businesses throughout the region.**

Stay engaged, stay empowered, and let's rise to the challenge—together.  
– The MBEIC Committee

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### **Mountain Plains MSDC Board of Directors**

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We're grateful to our Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their thought leadership, service and support in making a difference towards minority business enterprises economic inclusion and parity.



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The Council is uniquely positioned to offer management and technical services relevant for a dynamic marketplace including: business consulting, matchmaking, contract opportunity sourcing, finance sourcing and access to international markets.

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## Reminders to Check the following:



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Our bid opportunity page updates daily! **This is password protected and ONLY for certified MBEs.** If you need the updated password, please contact us at 303-623-3037 or [communications@mpmsdc.org](mailto:communications@mpmsdc.org)



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