

February 25-26, 2026

ANNUAL DBE WORKSHOP & NETWORKING SUMMIT



Confronting Today's Challenges
To Build A Stronger Tomorrow

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

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DAY 1

WORKSHOP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Participants may select one workshop per time block.

12:40 PM - 1:40 PM

1:50 PM - 2:50 PM

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

DBE Recertification Process
DBE Team/UCP Partners

Ethical Challenges for Transportation Engineers in the Age of Big Data Analytics (PDH)
Andrea Bill, UW-Madison

Mindfulness for Stress Relief
Dan Tyler, WisDOT

Wisconsin Contract Law
Anne Wal, von Briesen & Roper, s.c. | Attorneys at Law

Breakout Sessions

DBE Recertification Process
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Effective Business Communications for Small Businesses
Tim McMurtry II, Timothy McMurtry International

Innovation & Technology In the Construction Industry
James Bender & David Castleberg, WisDOT

AI in Heavy Highway Construction (PDH)
Mitzi M. Dobersek, PhD, PE, MSOE

General Session

Doing Business with WisDOT: Navigating Change and What's Next

The panel is designed to feature firms that are actively doing business with WisDOT and can speak candidly and provide real time perspectives about how they are navigating the current landscape as program structures and expectations continue to evolve.

DAY 2

8:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Where Businesses Like Yours Talk Real Strategy

This session creates space for honest conversation about the current WisDOT climate and how businesses navigate it at different stages. Participants will join a small, medium, or large business discussion room based on where their company is today. Each group will focus on real challenges, practical decisions, and what it takes to stay prepared, grow responsibly, and remain competitive in today's environment.

HCST Networking Prep

A focused session that shares practical networking techniques to support strong, professional conversations between HCST graduates and participating companies during onsite networking.

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