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ANNUAL **DBE WORKSHOP
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Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Division of Transportation System Development
Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance



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DAY 1 AGENDA

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Registration opens at 7:30 AM

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	9:15 AM - 11:00 AM	11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
<p>Breakfast and Welcome Address <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Welcome Video Secretary Kristina Boardman and Deputy Secretary Scott Lawry ■ Food Served ■ Summit Overview Director Tondra Davis Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance, WisDOT ■ Ice Breaker Master of Ceremony Dan Tyler, P.E. Bureau of Project Development, WisDOT 	<p>General Session <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WisDOT Construction Let Forecast Director Scott Schoenmann, P.E. Bureau of State Highway Programs ■ WisDOT Design and Construction Updates Director Brandon Lamers, P.E. Bureau of Project Development ■ WisDOT Project Spotlights I-94 East West Project Highlight Director Bob Gutierrez, P.E. SE Region Interstate 41 Megaproject Presentation Kurt Peters, P.E. NE Region Project Development Blatnik Bridge Replacement Project Paul Conlin, P.E. NW Region Project Development 	<p>Golden Shovel Awards Luncheon <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Welcome Sponsor Presentations HNTB and Michels ■ Food Served ■ Moving Forward with WisDOT Administrator Rebecca Burkel Division of Transportation System Development ■ Golden Shovel Awards Presentation ■ Keynote Speaker Commissioner Lafayette Crump City of Milwaukee Department of City Development
12:40 PM - 1:40 PM	1:50 PM - 2:50 PM	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
<p>4 Breakout Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DBE Recertification Process DBE Team/UCP Partners <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i> ■ Ethical Challenges for Transportation Engineers in the Age of Big Data Analytics (PDH) Andrea Bill UW-Madison <i>Upper Dells Ballroom</i> ■ Mindfulness for Stress Relief Dan Tyler, P.E. WisDOT <i>Ballroom I</i> ■ Wisconsin Contract Law Anne E. Wal, Attorney von Briesen & Roper, s.c. <i>Grand Ballroom</i> 	<p>4 Breakout Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DBE Recertification Process DBE Team/UCP Partners <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i> ■ Effective Business Communications for Small Businesses Tim McMurtry II Timothy McMurtry International <i>Upper Dells Ballroom</i> ■ Innovation & Technology In the Construction Industry James Bender and David Castleberg WisDOT DTSD <i>Ballroom I</i> ■ AI in Heavy Highway Construction (PDH) Mitzi M. Dobersek, PhD, P.E. Milwaukee School of Engineering <i>Grand Ballroom</i> 	<p>1 Session for Everyone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ General Session Doing Business with WisDOT: Navigating Change and What's Next <i>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.</i> MODERATOR Walbec Group Daniel Webster, MBA PANEL Arbor Green, Inc. Christy M. Wade Arrow-Crete Construction, LLC Ann M. Neshek Behnke Materials Engineering, LLC Signe Reichelt, P.E. Kraemer North America David Stanke, P.E., MBA
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM		
<p>NETWORKING RECEPTION <i>featuring Christopher's Project</i> <i>Grand Ballroom</i></p>		<p>WisDOT Bureau of Project Development Brandon Lamers, P.E. <i>A-H (Main Ballroom)</i></p>

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DAY 2 AGENDA

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Registration/Breakfast 7:30 AM-8:30 AM

8:45 – 10:00 AM

4 Breakouts

■ **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.

- **Small Business** Upper Dells Ballroom
- **Medium Business** A-H (Main Ballroom)
- **Large Business** Sierra Vista
- **HCST Networking Prep** Ballroom I

10:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Formal Networking Sessions

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

■ **Networking with Prime Contractors and Professional Consultants**

Grand Ballroom

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

■ **Networking with Government**

Grand Ballroom

12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch

A-H (Main Ballroom)

EXHIBITORS

- Apex Consulting Engineers, LLC
- AT&T Wisconsin
- DBE Support Services
- DOA Supplier Diversity
- FAVORYT
- Gibraltar Industries Inc
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
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- James Peterson Sons
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- Jacobs Engineering
- JT Engineering
- Michael Baker International
- MSA Professional Services, Inc.
- SEH
- Singh and Associates, Inc.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

- City of Madison Civil Rights Department
- City of Milwaukee Department of City Development
- Construction Business Group - WI
- Dane County Civil Rights Department
- Forward Service Corporation
- Milwaukee County Office of Economic Inclusion
- National Association of Minority Contractors - Wisconsin
- SE WRTP | BIG STEP
- UW-Madison - Wisconsin Local Technical Assistance Program and Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory and Eastern Tribal Technical Assistance Program
- Wisconsin Department of Administration - Supplier Diversity Program
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics
- Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development
- Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
- Wisconsin Procurement Institute

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Signe Reichelt
Behnke Materials Engineering LLC

Brian Mitchell
Michels Corporation

Dennis Winters
State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development



SECRETARY'S GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD NOMINEES

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Antczak Construction
Century Fence/Century Traffic
Integrity Grading & Excavating, Inc.
Michels Road & Stone, Inc.
Monarch Paving Company
Rock Road Companies
Super Western

INDIVIDUAL NOMINEES

Adam Skenandore, ANASA Traffic Control Services, LLC
Brian Mitchell, Michels Corporation
Chris Arrowood, Michels Road & Stone, Inc.
Daniel Webster, MBA, Walbec Group
Dennis Winters, Chief Economist, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development - retired

Elizabeth Diekhus, Sheet Piling Services
Eric Miller, DeVor Communications, LLC
Eric Ness, District Director, SBA Wisconsin
Matthew Grove, Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA)
Nathan Swanke, Michels Road & Stone, Inc.
Ranard Morris, Forward Services Corporation
Rosemarie Zingale, A.J. Wholesale Produce, Inc.
Signe Reichelt, Behnke Materials Engineering, LLC
Tyrone Johnson, Brother's Infrastructure Group
Theresa Tremmel-Anderson, Tremmel-Anderson Trucking

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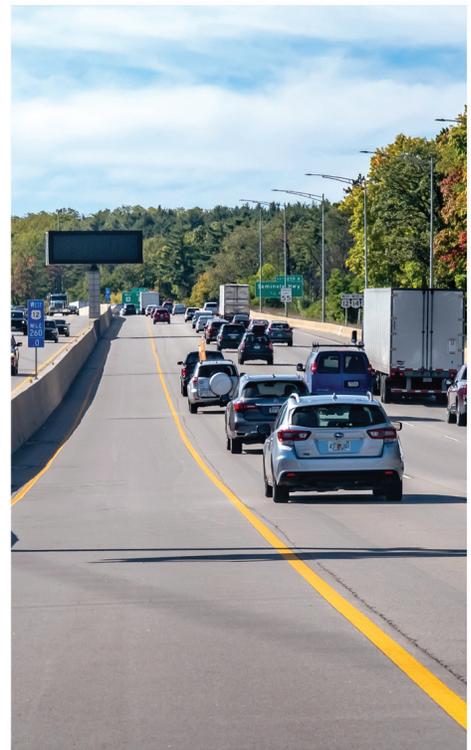


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