

MnDOT creates interactive map to connect contractors with small businesses

Contractors have a new tool in their toolbox to reach state and federal project goals linked to hiring veterans, women and minorities for transportation projects. The newly created interactive map is intended to assist contractors in identifying certified small businesses statewide by providing a visual tool to access work force centers, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Targeted Group businesses, and women- and veteran-owned businesses that are available to work on their projects.

"We developed the Mapping Minnesota tool to provide a quick and easy way to link contractors and small businesses to current and future projects," said Kim Collins, MnDOT's Office of Civil Rights director.

Contractors are encouraged to visit <http://mndot.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html> and select "Certified Small Businesses" to identify potential sub-contractors and employees who are pre-certified and available in specific geographical areas. Certified small businesses also are encouraged to

visit the map to ensure they are included and to explore partnering opportunities with other listed certified small businesses.

The maps are updated monthly to reflect recent certifications; however, contractors are advised to reference the certified small business directory to verify information.

The video, Mapping Minnesota, <https://youtu.be/f-7CF9UOaLY>, describes how to access certified small businesses on the maps. It also provides endorsements from small business owners and community leaders regarding the value of promoting diversity in transportation projects from design through construction.

For additional information, see:

- DBE certification directory: www.mndot.gov/civilrights/dbedirectory.html

- TGB and VET certification directory: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mn02001.htm>

Questions about the map can be directed to George.Costilla@state.mn.us or OCRForm-Submissions.dot@state.mn.us.

MDI EMPLOYEES ALONGSIDE MDI'S MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS



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MDI now offers White Room facility for controlled environment kitting, hand assembly, and packaging for medical products and other devices. Pictured, from left, are Phirum Gau, Danh Pham, Jill Hesselroth (MDI Board), Jama Farah, Bruce Binder (3M Healthcare), Peter McDermott (MDI CEO/President), Joe Scanlan (Surgical Technologies), Linda Halverson (Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation), Angie Larson. Not pictured: Bob Klaus (Tapemark), Jim Vogel (Medtronic), Kim Mueller (Lifeworks).

Ziemba elected to Barr Engineering Company's board of directors

Mike Ziemba, a senior civil engineer and vice president/principal in charge at Barr Engineering Company, was recently elected to the company's board of directors for a two-year term. Nominations for the open positions on the seven-person board were submitted in June and followed by voting of employee-stock ownership-program participants/shareholders in July. Ziemba joined Barr in June of 1995 as an entry-level civil engineer and has spent more than 22 years serving local, regional, and national clients from its Hibbing office. In his new role as a director, Ziemba represents the entire company, providing oversight of the company's business affairs.

Barr is an employee-owned consulting company integrating engineering and environmental expertise to help clients develop,



Mike Ziemba

manage, and restore natural resources. With over 750 engineers, scientists, and technical support staff company-wide, Barr serves the power, mining, and fuels industries, natural-resource-management organizations, and others with complex problems from nine offices in Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan, Missouri, Utah, and Alberta.

Paul Bunyan Television adds two channels

Hallmark Drama and the Smithsonian Channel have been added to Paul Bunyan Television service. Hallmark Drama is available to all PBTV digital subscribers on channel 123 and in HD for PBTV HD subscribers on channel 623. Hallmark Drama is a new television network featuring new, original content produced just for Hallmark Drama and movies and series from Crown Media's library of original dramatic content. The content is different and distinct from the content on Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries.

Smithsonian Channel is available to all PBTV Extra subscribers and can be found on channel 185 and in HD on channel 685 for PBTV Extra subscribers who also have PBTV HD service. Smithsonian Channel™ is where curiosity lives, inspiration strikes and wonders never cease. This is the place for awe-inspiring stories, powerful documentaries and amazing entertainment.

"We're excited to give our subscribers the opportunity to receive these 2 new networks, Hallmark Drama and the Smithsonian Channel as part of their Paul Bunyan Television service. We strive to provide as diverse programming as possible for the region and both of these networks provide unique content," said Brian Bissonette, Paul Bunyan Communications Marketing Supervisor.

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