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## *MDC's Workforce and Supplier Diversity Efforts Produce Results*

### **New Jersey Hispanic Firm Receives \$22.5 Million Contract**

In 2008, the MDC awarded \$39 million – or 34% – of the total \$94 million in Clean Water Project contracts to 43 minority and woman-owned firms. Included in this amount is an impressive \$22.5 million general contractor project which was awarded to Northeast Remsco, a New Jersey-based Hispanic firm. This represents the largest contract to date for the Clean Water Project!

To organize and facilitate the MDC supplier and workforce diversity program, the MDC hired Michael Jefferson. Michael has developed Business-to-Buyer “Matchmaker” events (as pictured here at a December event), procurement opportunity conferences, business support programs and other initiatives. These events give business

owners and contractors the chance to meet directly with prime contractors and MDC staff to negotiate opportunities.

The MDC now offers registration, project bidding information and project schedules at the Hartford Economic Development Council's Business Resource Center (located at 15 Lewis Street, Hartford).

“The MDC is really stepping up to the plate to reach out to qualified small, minority and woman-owned businesses,” said Mike. “We are excited to build and expand our contractor and sub-contractor base with these qualified companies.”

For more information, contact Mike Jefferson at (860) 278-7850, ext 3411, or at [mjefferson@themdc.com](mailto:mjefferson@themdc.com).

### *Commissioner's Corner*



#### **Trude Mero, Citizen Member and Commissioner**

For many years Trude Mero has been a part of the MDC, first as a citizen member and then as an appointed Commissioner representing Hartford. She has served on the Bureau of Public Works, the Water Bureau, the Committee on MDC Government and many others.

Diversity at the MDC has been a longstanding concern with Trude. She is encouraged by the MDC's proactive approach to attracting minority workers and subcontractors – many based in Hartford – to work on the \$1.6 billion Clean Water Project. “Under the leadership of Chuck Sheehan and Bob Moore, we have seen the MDC improve minority participation in its projects,” she said. “This sets a positive tone for the future of the MDC.”



### **Celebrate Earth Day with the MDC!**

Sunday, April 19 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the West Hartford Reservoir, 1420 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford.

## Digging In. Construction Work Gets Underway!

The MDC is already lining pipes and making point repairs in several member towns and has begun major construction in Hartford with the Edgewood Street Sewer Separation Project.

Below is a chart highlighting some of our current and upcoming projects. For more information, on these and other MDC projects and initiatives, please visit our website at [www.thecleanwaterproject.com](http://www.thecleanwaterproject.com).

Project Name	Town	Purpose of Project	Estimated Start Date
Point Repairs Program	Newington, West Hartford, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield & Windsor	To replace damaged sections of the sanitary sewer, without having to install an entirely new pipe. It is both cost-effective and less invasive than full replacement of the pipe between manholes.	In Progress
Pipe Lining Program	Rocky Hill, Wethersfield & Windsor	To repair old or defective sewers without the need to dig-up the street. Once the pipe is reinforced it will extend the life of the pipe up to 50 years. This project provides minimal homeowner disruption.	In Progress
Edgewood Street Sewer Separation Program	Hartford	Installation of new sanitary sewers and water lines. Separation of sewer flows from homes to the new lines will reduce localized backups, flooding and improve sewer function.	In Progress
Homestead Avenue Interceptor Extension Project	Hartford	To reduce overflows to the Connecticut River by extending the current Homestead Avenue sewer to the Park River Interceptor.	Spring 2009
Tower Avenue North Sewer Separation Program	Hartford	To reduce combined sewer overflows by installing new storm drain pipes, laterals and water mains.	Spring 2009
Mid Franklin Avenue Area Separation Phase II	Hartford	To partially separate combined sewers to reduce sewer backups in basements and streets.	Spring 2009
Burton, Sigourney, Irving & Magnolia Street Sewer Separation Program	Hartford	Installation of new sanitary sewers and water lines. Separation of sewer flows from homes to the new lines will reduce localized backups, flooding and improve sewer function.	Summer 2009
City Wide House Disconnect/Reconnect	Hartford	Separation of sewer flows from homes to previously installed sewer lines in the street.	Spring 2010

### Communication is a two way street

Each month we inform customers about various MDC programs and activities, but this month we want to hear from YOU.

Email MDC Communications at [mbengtson@themdc.com](mailto:mbengtson@themdc.com) to share your thoughts and ideas on future newsletter topics. We look forward to hearing from you!



### WHO'S WHO ON THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT

After 27 years in the MDC's Operations Department, Greg Robertson moved to the Program Management Unit in October 2008. Today, Greg assists with private property inspections and coordinates community outreach regarding the Clean Water Project. He is always on hand to answer questions about upcoming construction projects, and works to address the public's concerns about the Clean Water Project.