



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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Ohio Turnpike seeks input at public hearings for MBE/DBE disparity study

BEREA (April 6, 2015) – The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission and the Ohio Department of Transportation are jointly conducting independent disparity studies that will assist with administration of programs for socially and economically disadvantaged, minority-owned, and woman-owned businesses.

The Commission and ODOT invite the public to participate in public hearings to receive information about the studies and learn how the community can actively participate in them. At the hearings, study leaders also will share information about the project and provide opportunities for the contracting community to engage directly with the project team.

During each meeting, the study team will give a presentation describing the disparity studies including their purpose and methodology. Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to submit verbal testimony about their experiences doing work in the local transportation-related contracting industry and to ask questions.

There will be three joint Commission and ODOT public hearings on April 6, 15 and 16:

TODAY, MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce 300 Madison Avenue Toledo, Ohio, 43604.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Cuyahoga Community College 4250 Richmond Road Highland Hills, Ohio, 44122 East Student Services Building Rm 2410.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Kent State University 6000 Frank Avenue NW North Canton, Ohio, 44720 Building 6, Room 136.

“Participation in the study is encouraged and we look forward to an independent review of current programs and gathering insights about how we might improve contracting opportunities for local businesses, many of which are minority- or woman-owned,” said Tommie Jo Marsilio, OTIC Director of Contracts Administration.

The study team is composed of five firms - BBC Research & Consulting, Exstare Federal Services Group, LLC, Holland & Knight LLP, Supplier Diversity Research, and Customer Research International.

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