



Report Shows Improvement in WV Road Condition, Cost Effectiveness

CHARLESTON – West Virginia Secretary of Transportation Paul Mattox announces that a recent study from the Reason Foundation shows improvements in West Virginia’s highway performance and cost-effectiveness, ranking it 25th in the nation. The previous report ranked West Virginia 34th.

“This rating increase illustrates our focus and the steps we have taken to improve the operation of our highway system. Considering West Virginia’s funding challenges, the fact that we rank 2nd in total disbursements at \$36,451 per mile is quite remarkable, especially when the national average is \$160,997 per mile. Equally notable is the ranking of 8th in administrative disbursements per mile, which shows that we have a high percentage of our budget going back into West Virginia’s highway system. We plan to continue our efforts in

these areas, to enhance our efforts to reduce fatalities, and hope to obtain an even higher rating in the future,” said Transportation Secretary Paul Mattox.

West Virginia's state-controlled highway mileage of nearly 35,000 miles, makes it the 6th largest system in the country.

The Reason Foundation’s Annual Highway Report ranks every state’s highway system on pavement condition, traffic congestion, deficient bridges, traffic fatality rates, spending per-mile and more. It is based on spending and performance data that state highway agencies submit themselves to the federal government.

Excerpt: www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/PressRelease/Pages/Report-Shows.aspx



About The West Virginia DOT

The purpose of the West Virginia DBE program is to encourage, cultivate and support equal opportunities for firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

The WVDOT provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of WV DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expand and Enhance business knowledge
- Increase project quality
- Create marketability of WV DBEs

About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (October 3, 2016) – The Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs (HHOMA) today announced plans for the 3rd Annual Minority Business Expo (MBExpo) on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Charleston Civic Center.

“This expo provides an opportunity for small business owners, companies, corporations, suppliers and entrepreneurs to come together in one location to work with local and regional partners, share best practices and collaborate with experts to gain helpful tips on ways to enhance their businesses.” Dr. Carolyn Stuart, Executive Director of HHOMA, said. “This event provides individuals from across the state with building blocks and helpful information to start or grow a business and chart long-term success.”

The Executive Director of HHOMA coordinates this annual event. This year’s MBExpo sponsors are BrickStreet Insurance, Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Toyota, U.S. Department of Energy’s Minorities in Energy Program and the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services. The expo will feature a number of exhibitors and informational presentations.

The event is free and each individual attendee is required to preregister. Keynote luncheon seating is limited and is granted to individuals upon receipt of their registration forms. Registration closes October 12, 2016.

For more information and to register visit minorityaffairs.wv.gov or call 304-558-3179.

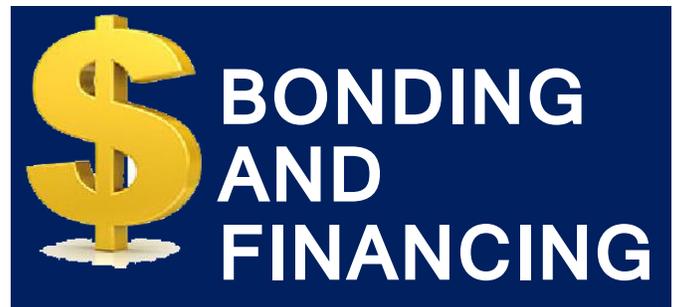
Established by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin in March 2012, the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs is committed to advancing equality for all minorities across West Virginia and developing innovative ways to address issues affecting minorities through integrity, leadership and collaboration.

Excerpt: <http://www.minorityaffairs.wv.gov/news/Pages/Herbert-Henderson-Office-of-Minority-Affairs-announces-plans-for-the-2016-Minority-Business-Expo.aspx>

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

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