

# Take Part!

A PWD resource for business diversity on PWD projects



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## Minority Enterprise Development Week (MEDWeek): September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Minority Enterprise Development Week (MEDWeek) with the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD). PWD is an official partner of this year's celebration and has partnered with MEDWeek chairs, the African-American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ & DE, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the City of Philadelphia Commerce Department, and the Minority Business Development Agency to host various workshops based on this year's theme, Breakthrough: Growth through Innovation. PWD is proud to be hosting a Construction Seminar and to be participating in a panel discussion on how to do business with the City's sustainability programs at the Navy Yard.

There will be many partner events throughout the week for businesses to attend and network with buyers from the public and private sectors. The series of events and descriptions can be found at the City of Philadelphia's Commerce Department's website at <http://www.phila.gov/commerce/Pages/default.aspx>.

Sunday, September 28 - Saturday, October 4, 2014

Philadelphia MED WEEK MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration

PHILADELPHIA MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

A week of activities and workshops to celebrate minority businesses in Philadelphia

**"BREAKTHROUGH: GROWTH THROUGH INNOVATION"**

CHAIRS: AMERICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, Department of Commerce

PARTNERS: 10,000 Small Businesses, PHL DIVERSITY, Penn, PWD, SEPTA, PDC, RPN, Temple University, University City, University of Pennsylvania, University of the Sciences, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, University of Virginia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Rock County, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Superior, University of Wisconsin-Tadousac, University of Wisconsin-Trempealeau, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Ouashaw, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Superior, University of Wisconsin-Tadousac, University of Wisconsin-Trempealeau, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, University of Wisconsin-Ouashaw

For additional information, contact (215) 683-2057, visit <http://www.phila.gov/commerce/Pages/default.aspx>, or scan the QR Code.



New PWD pumping station and green infrastructure features at Venice Island in Manayunk

## PWD Construction Seminar for Contractors Bidding on Green Infrastructure Projects

PWD's next Construction Seminar for contractors bidding on green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) projects is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 8:30a.m. at PWD's Fox Street Headquarters in the training room. This seminar is part of the MEDWeek workshop series.

This seminar is highly recommended to all contractors that bid on GSI projects. The targeted audience for the seminars are the foreman, superintendent and/or owner.

The agenda will be a review on quality of life specs, GSI maintenance, a presentation on proper installation of HDPE piping and OEO Contract Compliance.

RSVP at <http://pwdconstructionseminar.eventbrite.com>

If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Janira Barroso at [janira.barroso@phila.gov](mailto:janira.barroso@phila.gov). Visit our website to view past presentations at: <http://www.phila.gov/water/aboutus/Pages/DoBusiness.aspx>.

## PWD Launch 6-week Bond Education Program with the Mid-Atlantic Small Business Transportation Resource Center

In partnership with SEPTA, Philadelphia Streets, the Small Business Enterprise and Supportive Service Center, and the Mid-Atlantic Small Business Transportation Resource Center, the PWD presents the U.S. Department of Transportation Bonding Education Program, being held over a period of six weeks. The program started on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at The Enterprise Center located at 4548 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA.

This is a hand-on, multi-component program designed to address what businesses need to become bond-ready. Businesses will get a chance to have one-on-one sessions with local surety bonding professionals to help in assembling the materials necessary for a complete bond application. This program is tailored for businesses competing for transportation-related contracts with SEPTA, Philadelphia Streets, the Philadelphia Water Department, and PennDOT. The curriculum is packed with topics that include: construction related business planning and management, construction accounting and financial management, financing and credit, project management, workforce, field operations, claims and dispute resolution, estimating, bidding and joint venturing/teaming.

If you have questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Janira Barroso, Director of Participation from the Philadelphia Water Department at 215-685-6121/[janira.barroso@phila.gov](mailto:janira.barroso@phila.gov) or Craig Campbell, Outreach Manager from the Mid-Atlantic Regional US DOT OSDBU at 215-243-4104/[ccampbell@theenterprisecenter.com](mailto:ccampbell@theenterprisecenter.com).



### Greened Acre Retrofit Program (GARP) Launched

PWD hosted the Greened Acre Retrofit Program (GARP) Grant Seminar to launch this new program on July 21, 2014. GARP provides stormwater grants to contractors, companies or other project aggregators who can build large-scale stormwater retrofit projects across multiple properties. The seminar covered requirements needed to apply for the program grant and was attended by many contractors and business community groups interested in managing stormwater projects. If you missed this seminar, you can find the presentation and other information about the GARP program at [www.phila.gov/swgrant](http://www.phila.gov/swgrant).

### Green Homes / Rain Check Contractor Training

PWD, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and the Sustainable Business Network hosted the first of a series of Green Homes/Rain Check contractor trainings on July 15, 2014 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This session was for contractors interested in assembling and installing rain barrels and downspout planters. It was attended by 13 employees from six small and local businesses. Upcoming sessions will be held for contractors interested in rain gardens, de-paving, and porous paving.

If you are interested in the Green Homes/Rain Check program, workshops and training sessions, please visit the Sustainable Business Network's website at:

[http://www.sbnphiladelphia.org/initiatives/philadelphia\\_water\\_departments\\_rain\\_check\\_program/](http://www.sbnphiladelphia.org/initiatives/philadelphia_water_departments_rain_check_program/).

## Upcoming Lettings for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2015

PROPOSED UPCOMING PLANT LETTINGS	Work Type
Rebuild/replace filter underdrains and filter media at Baxter	Mechanical
Queen Lane Emergency Generator and New 15kv Switchgear	Mechanical
Replacement of 480V outdoor Switchgear @NEWPCP	Electrical
Concrete Retaining Wall Replacement @ 29th and Cambria	General Construction
Roll-Up Door and HVAC at QL Raw Water Pumping Station	Mechanical/HVAC
Replace Freight Elevator in PTB	Mechanical
Exterior Siding Panels - Torresdale Filter Water Pumping Station	General Construction
New 10MG Concrete CWB tanks at Baxter	General Construction
PROPOSED UPCOMING STREET LETTINGS	Work Type
Sydenham St from Lehigh Ave. to Seltzer St, Bancroft from Cumberland St. to Lehigh Ave	Water Main & Sewer Reconstruction
Horrocks St to Bustleton Ave, Evarts St. from Mower Ave to Tolbut Ave	Water Main & Sewer Reconstruction
Hutchinson St from Indiana St to Clearfield St, Monmouth St from Germantown Ave to 11th St	Water Main & Sewer Reconstruction
Bowman St from Osmond St to Henry Ave, Vaux St from Indian Queen Lane to Midvale Ave	Relay of Water Mains
Tasker St from 6th St to 5th, 5th St from Morris St to Moore St, Dickinson St from 5th St to Front St	Relay of Water Mains
Arrott St from Oakland St to Leiper St, Foulkrod St from Duffield St to Tackawanna St	Relay of Water Mains
Smedley St from Wingohocking St to Courtland St, Sydenham St from Loudon St to Rockland St	Water Main & Sewer Reconstruction
Lawler St from Avon Road to Stevens Rd, Stevens Rd from Lorraine St to Peirmont St, Foster St from Procor Rd to Kelvin Ave	Relay of Water Mains
Pacific St from Broad St to 15th St, Smedley St from Westmoreland St to Ontario St	Relay of Water Mains
Benezet St from Germantown Ave to Wyndmoor St	Water Main & Sewer Reconstruction
Rhawn St from Tabor Ave to Dungan Rd, Tabor Ave from Rhawn St to Stanwood St	Relay of Water Mains
Lakeside Ave from Old York Rd to Cheltenham Ave, Cheltenham Ave from Lakeside Ave to 70th Ave	Relay of Water Mains
Conestoga St, from market St to Arch St, Ranstead St from 51st to 52nd St, and Westminster Ave from 52nd St to Paxon St	Relay of Water Main/Sewer Reconstruction & Sewer Lining
Berks St from 22nd St to 25th St, 24th St from Berks St to Norris St	Sewer Reconstruction/Relay of Water Mains
31st St from Grays Ferry Ave to Tasker St	Relay of Water Mains
Castor Ave from Cottman Ave to Napfle Ave, Oakmont St from Summerdale Ave to Glendale Ave	Relay of Water Mains
Mitchell St from Parker Ave to Cinnaminson St, Hagner St from Hiola Rd To Hill Rd	Relay of Water Mains
Summit St from Bethlehem Pike to Stenton Ave, Prospect Ave from Newton St to Evergreen Ave	Relay of Water Mains

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## Small Business Resources & Events

### Minority Enterprise Development Week Workshop Series

More information on these events can be found at:

<http://www.phila.gov/commerce/Pages/default.aspx>

### MEDWeek Honors and Awards Programs

Presented by Goldman Sachs' 10K Small Business Scholars

Businesses on the Move Panel Discussion

Award Reception & Networking Hour

September 29, 2014 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: Conversation Hall, City Hall

### PWD Construction Seminar for Bidding on "Green" Projects

Presented by Philadelphia Water Department

September 30, 2014 8:30AM – 10:30AM

Location: Fox Street and Abbottsford Avenue (East Falls)

### Doing Business with the Nonprofits Community Umbrella Agencies

Presented by Department of Human Services

September 30, 2014 8:30AM – 12:00PM

Location: City of Philadelphia Municipal Services Building, 1401 JFK Blvd., 16th Floor, Rooms X,Y, and Z

### 2014 Philadelphia Navy Yard Panel Discussion and Tour

Presented by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown

A panel discussion on jobs and contract opportunities in the green sustainable industry, including PWD's green stormwater infrastructure opportunities

September 30, 2014 9:30AM – 12:00PM

Location: Marriott Courtyard Philadelphia South at the Navy Yard, 1001 Intrepid Avenue, Phila, PA

### Trademark Basics: What Every Small Business Should Know Now

Presented by the Urban League of Philadelphia and the Wharton Small Business Development Center

September 30, 2014 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Location: The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania

### Doing Business with the Federal Reserve Bank

Hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 2014 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Location: Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, 10 North Independence Mall West, Phila., PA

### Building Strategic Alliances

Presented by the African American, Asian, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 2014 9:30AM – 11:00AM

Location: The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA

### Woman to Woman – Technically Speaking

Presented by the African American, Asian, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 2014 11:30AM – 1:00PM

Location: The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA

### Smart Business

Presented by the African American, Asian, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 2014 2:00PM – 3:30PM

Location: The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA

### MEDWeek 30th Anniversary Historical Acknowledgement Event

Presented by the African American, Asian, and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 1, 2014 4:00PM – 5:30PM

Location: The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Phila., PA

### The Nimble Business – Unconventional Tactics

Presented by 10K Small Businesses and the Sustainable Business Network

October 2, 2014 9:00AM – 11:00AM

Location: Benjamin's Nest 1701 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

### Doing Business with the Universities

Hosted by the Philadelphia Area Collegiate Cooperative (PACC) Organizations

October 2, 2014 11:30AM – 2:00PM

Location: Sheraton University City, 3549 Chestnut Street, Fairmount Room, Phila., PA

### 9th Annual Passing the Torch Awards

A fundraising event for The Enterprise Center

October 2, 2014 5:30PM – 8:00PM

Location: The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street, Phila., PA 19139

For tickets visit: <http://www.9thpassingthetorch.eventbrite.com>

### PHL Airport 2014 Annual Business Opportunity Forum

Hosted by the Philadelphia International Airport

October 3, 2014 7:00AM – 3:00PM

Location: Philadelphia Airport Marriott, 1 Arrivals Road, Terminal B, Phila., PA

## Contacts

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<http://mbec.phila.gov/procurement>

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