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PURPLE LINE TRANSIT PROJECT

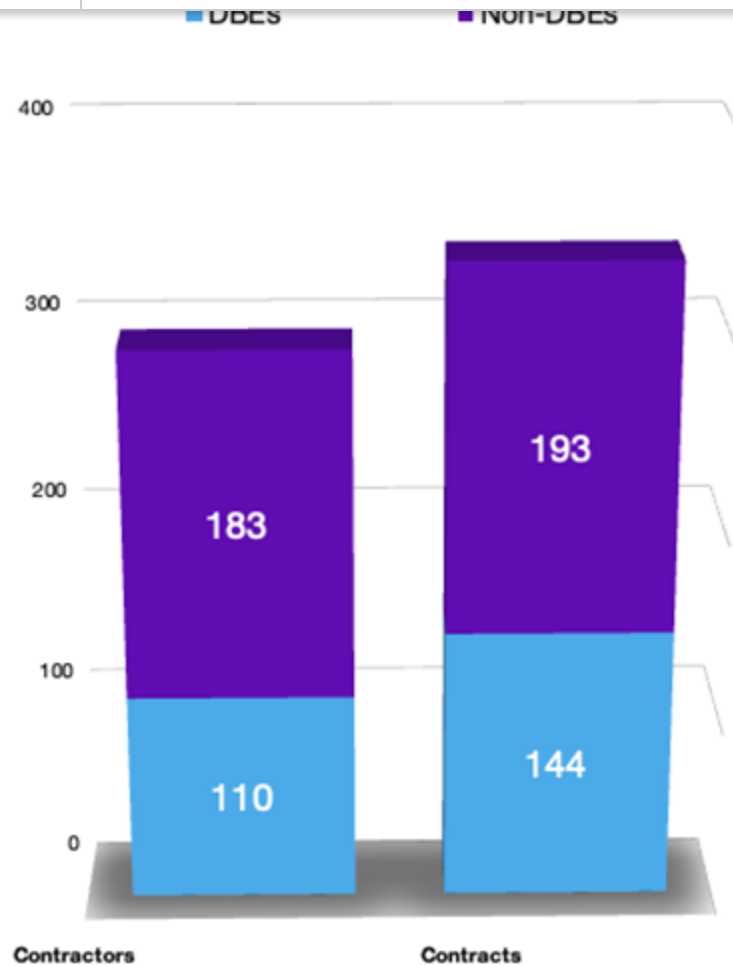
OCTOBER 2024

DBE PROGRAM UPDATE

Construction Phase
DBE Participation
(as of September 30, 2024)

Construction of the [Purple Line Transit Project](#) (Project) is well underway. The Project has a 22% DBE goal for Construction. [Maryland Transit Solutions](#) (MTS) continues to make progress toward Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation on the Project. The bar graph below indicates the number of DBE subcontractors, and the number of DBE awarded subcontracts currently on the Project.

Note: Some contractors hold multiple contracts on the Project.



PURPLE LINE PROGRESS UPDATE: FALL 2024

The Purple Line on YouTube. Thank you to all the DBEs contributing to the Design and Build progress on the Project focusing on the past six months. Thank you for your continued efforts and dedication to building the Purple Line!



PURPLE LINE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MTS Purple Line Project Compliance Reporting System (B2G Now)

Beginning November 2024, MTS Purple Line Project will utilize B2G Now as the official online compliance reporting system for (DBE) payment confirmation, MDOT Forms D and E submittals, DBE Trucking reports, and all supporting Good Faith Effort documentation.

Please register at the links below to attend one of the scheduled compliance reporting system training sessions.

Monday

[November 4, 2024, at 2:00 PM EDT](#)

Tuesday

[November 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM EDT](#)



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DBE PROGRAM MANAGER

Role: The DBE Program Manager oversees the regulatory compliance for the DBE, Labor Compliance and Workforce Development Programs.

Duties: The DBE Program Manager manages the day-to-day program operations to ensure timely monitoring and reporting of DBE participation on the project at all subcontractor tiers. This role includes DBE program training, payment monitoring, commercially use function interviews, and outreach to notify and solicit qualified certified firms of project procurement opportunities.

Additionally, the DBE Manager will manage the Workforce Development Program to recruit, monitor and report targeted workforce participation on the Purple Line. This will include prevailing wage monitoring of our trade labor that works for MTS and our subcontractors and target workforce hiring.

30 SECOND INTERVIEW:

Walk On Song: "Everyone Loves the Sunshine" by Roy Ayers

Tacos or Burgers: Tacos

Interests: Performing and Creative Arts Enthusiast

Affirmation: Be a doer, not a talker!

Regulatory Compliance Knowledge: ADA, EEO, ACDBE/DBE/M/W/SBE, DBRA, and Title VI



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SENIOR DBE COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Role: The Sr. DBE Compliance Coordinator assists to oversee the regulatory compliance for the DBE and Workforce Development Programs.

Duties: The Sr. DBE Compliance Coordinator assists in the management of day-to-day program operations to ensure timely monitoring and reporting of DBE participation on the project at all subcontractor tiers. This role includes prompt payment monitoring at all tiering levels, continuous DBE engagement, reporting to MTA, conflict resolution and outreach.

Additionally, the Sr. DBE Compliance Coordinator will assist in the oversight of apprenticeship training and program monitoring to increase project-wide participation by creating more opportunities for women in construction. This role includes working alongside the union to identify potential apprentices, monitoring of training for apprentices as well as continuous engagement and support.

30 SECOND INTERVIEW:

Walk On Song: "Just Fine" Mary J Blige

Tacos or Burgers: Why can't we do both?

Interests: Poetry, Cuisine Variety, Good Vibes and of course FAMILY

Affirmation/Quote: You miss 100% of shots you don't take!

Regulatory Compliance Knowledge: EEO/DBE/M/W/SBE



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DBE/WFD COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Role: The DBE/WFD Compliance Coordinator oversees the regulatory compliance primarily Labor Compliance, with a secondary focus on DBE & Workforce Development Programs.

Duties: The DBE/WFD Compliance Coordinator focuses on the labor compliance as guided applicable regulations, to ensure timely reporting of certified payroll reports, manhours & incidents reports, monthly utilization reports and attendant documentation.

Additionally, the DBE/WFD Compliance Coordinator supports the DBE program and Work Development efforts of the Maryland Transit Solutions around outreaches and opportunities on the Purple Line Project.

30 SECOND INTERVIEW:

Walk On Song: "Soco" by Wizkid

Tacos or Burgers: Fried Rice

Interests: God, Family, Friends and Good TV

Quote: "I don't wanna forget the present is a gift."

Regulatory Compliance Knowledge: EEO, ACDBE/DBE/M/W/SBE

PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

OCTOBER IS "NATIONAL PROTECT YOUR HEARING" MONTH



Hearing loss is a significant concern in the construction industry, where workers are often exposed to loud machinery and environments. As construction work continues to be an essential part of the economy, emphasizing hearing conservation is more critical than ever.

UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS

The construction industry is filled with various noise sources, such as:

- Heavy machinery (excavators, bulldozers, cranes)
- Power tools (saws, drills, impact wrenches)
- Transportation vehicles (trucks, forklifts)
- General site noise (hammering, concrete mixing)

Continuous exposure to noise levels exceeding eighty-five decibels can lead to hearing damage over time. Many workers do not recognize the risks involved with noise exposure, leading to preventable health issues.

Hearing loss in construction not only affects communication but also impacts safety on job sites. Workers with impaired hearing may struggle to hear warning signals, machinery operations, or instructions from supervisors. Additionally, the psychological effects of hearing loss can lead to isolation, frustration, and decreased job satisfaction.

MEASURES FOR PROTECTION

Noise Assessment

- Conduct Regular Noise Surveys - Identifying areas where noise levels exceed safe thresholds allows for targeted interventions.

Engineering Controls

- Use Quieter Equipment - Select tools and machinery designed to operate at lower noise levels.
- Install Sound Barriers - Erect barriers between noise sources and work areas to minimize sound transmission such as the use of walls, curtains, or even vegetation.

Administrative Controls

- Implement Job Rotation to limit the amount of time workers spend in high-noise areas by rotating jobs to reduce the duration of noise exposure and decrease the likelihood of hearing loss.
- Develop a Hearing Conservation Program to establish clear policies and training around hearing protection. This program should include regular training on risks, prevention, and the proper use of protective equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Provide Hearing Protection Devices to equip workers with appropriate hearing protection, such as earplugs or earmuffs. Ensure they are comfortable, effective, and suited for the specific noise levels encountered.

equipment.

Education and Training

- Conduct Awareness Programs to train employees about the dangers of noise exposure and the importance of using hearing protection. Providing information about how to recognize the signs of hearing loss can empower workers to act.
- Encourage Reporting to create an environment where workers feel comfortable reporting noise levels and issues related to hearing protection without fear of retaliation.

Regular Health Monitoring

- Implement Hearing Tests to schedule regular auditory evaluations for workers exposed to high noise levels. Early detection of hearing issues can lead to timely interventions and increased awareness.
- Encourage Follow-ups to provide access to healthcare professionals who specialize in hearing loss. Regular follow-ups can help monitor the health of employees' hearing and offer additional support.

Conclusion

Preventing hearing loss in the construction industry is a collective responsibility that requires awareness, proactive measures, and ongoing education. By prioritizing hearing conservation through engineering controls, administrative practices, PPE, and training, construction companies can protect their workforce and ensure a safer working environment. Investing in hearing conservation not only enhances productivity but also fosters a culture of care and responsibility, leading to a more sustainable industry.

PURPLE LINE PROCUREMENTS



NOTICE OF INTEREST

Responses Due:
November 18, 2024
12:00 PM EST

Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS) is seeking qualified certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontractors to perform the following scope of work on the Purple Line Project:

SCOPE OF WORK

**AS BUILT DRAWINGS
(PACKAGE G-66)
(NAICS: 541330 Civil Engineering)**

Preproposal Meeting to be held **Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:30 am EST.**
Copy link below and paste to your browser to register.

[Pre-Proposal Meeting](#)

For more information, follow the attached link:

<https://marylandtransitsolutions.com/>

MTS sends Notices of Interest (NOIs) to **ALL** MDOT DBE Certified firms for each contract opportunity available on the Project.

Please click below to register as an interested vendor for future procurement opportunities:

PURPLE LINE UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAININGS

NOV 4, 2.00PM - 3.00PM

ONLINE TRAINING

MTS Purple Line Project Compliance Reporting System (B2G Now)

NOV 5, 2.00PM - 3.00PM

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MTS Purple Line Project Compliance Reporting System (B2G Now)

NOV 6, 5.00PM - 8.00PM

**REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT
HISTORIC TERMINAL 1**

Metropolitan Washington Airports & Metro DC Hispanic Contractors Association Authority Small Business Evening of Networking

NOV 19, 8.00AM - 5.00PM

HILTON INNER HARBOR

State of Maryland Governor's Minority & Small Business Outreach Summit

NOV 20, 8.30AM - 12.30PM

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