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THE MDC HOSTS SMALL CONTRACTOR SERVICE CENTER EVENT

Opportunity conference for small contractors and vendors for upcoming project bids

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(HARTFORD, CT) – On Tuesday July 22, the Metropolitan District (MDC) hosted the 2014 Small Contractor Service Center event at the MDC's Training Center located at 125 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT. Over fifty registrants attended the event, which was one in a series aimed at continuing to grow the MDC's diverse contractor base for the Clean Water Project.

Participants received information on upcoming contracting opportunities with the MDC's Clean Water Project Wet Weather Expansion projects at the Hartford and Rocky Hill Water Pollution Control Facilities which have an approximate combined value of over \$200 million. The main goal of the opportunity conference was to help prepare potential contractors for the upcoming pre-bid conferences on these two projects.

Representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration discussed their new Small Contractor Surety bonding initiative and members of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Center were on hand to discuss their services as well. Additionally, a presentation was made that offered strategies for small contractors to successfully market their services and products to prime contractors.

The event concluded with the MDC's Small Contractor Resource Center where small contractors and vendors in attendance had the opportunity to meet one on one with the MDC's resource partners and support service providers to access information and assistance in obtaining project financing, bonding, payroll, insurance, equipment purchasing, strategies, bid preparation and related services.

About the MDC: *The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, under a series of special agreements, the District supplies treated water to Glastonbury, the southern portion of South Windsor, the eastern portion of Farmington, East Granby and Unionville.*

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