

MDC RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR SUPPLIER DIVERSITY EFFORTS ON THE CLEAN WATER PROJECT FROM U.S. EPA

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(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District (MDC) was presented with the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Administrator’s Award for Outstanding State, Local or Tribal Office Performance Achievement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBA) on Thursday. The MDC was nominated by the EPA’s Region 1 Office and selected by a panel of representatives from across the agency.

The MDC was honored for its ongoing efforts towards the development of DBEs in the region as part of the Clean Water Project (CWP), the over \$2 billion wastewater infrastructure upgrade to reduce combined and sanitary sewer overflows required by the EPA and CT DEEP.

“Above and beyond the commitment made to upgrade infrastructure to benefit the environment, the MDC has made a concerted effort to develop, train and hire local contractors and subcontractors for the Clean Water Project,” said MDC CEO Scott Jellison. “The MDC continues to be recognized for its development of a strong contractor base and implementation of a proactive, results oriented program that cultivates long-term partnerships with local DBEs.”

Since the inception of the CWP, the MDC has awarded \$95 million to DBE prime contractors and over \$150 million to DBE subcontractors. A total of 145 DBEs have participated on the CWP to date, with over 65 receiving multiple contracts that span a typical two to three year project lifecycle.

The MDC offers industry-leading DBE development programs to support the local contracting community with workshops, matchmaker events, clinics, outreach and training through strategic partnerships with local industry, trade and community partners such as: the University of Hartford’s Entrepreneurial Center & Women’s Business Center, the National Association of Women In Construction, US Small Business Administration, US Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency, State of CT Department of Administrative Services, the CT Construction Industries Association, the Associated General Contractors, the CT Environmental and Utilities Contractors Association, the Construction Institute and others.

The award was presented at the U.S. EPA Administrator’s 29th Annual Small Business Program Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C., held on May 9, which recognizes various program activities, individuals, businesses and state and local entities for their outstanding contributions.

About MDC: The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.

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