Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

St. Louis County Vendor Opportunity Fair 2019
“Creating Opportunities and Fostering Relationships”

September 18, 2019
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

University of Missouri-St. Louis
J.C. Penny Conference Center
St. Louis, Missouri 63121
September 18, 2019

Dear attendees:

Welcome to the 2019 St. Louis County Vendor Opportunity Fair! Thank you for being a part of this first-of-its-kind event in St. Louis County.

The St. Louis County Vendor Opportunity Fair is a chance for you – businesses of all kinds and in all industries – to learn about St. Louis County’s contracting process. It also provides an opportunity for St. Louis County to diversify the range of businesses to which it awards contracts.

Putting every business on an equal playing field is one way St. Louis County is working to live out its values of diversity, equity and inclusion.

It is our hope that this is the first of many successful fairs, and we hope to see you back again.

Warm regards,

Sam Page, St. Louis County Executive
I extend to you my warmest welcome!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with St. Louis County Government. I strongly believe that diversity and inclusion are paramount to a prosperous community. I appreciate County Executive Sam Page’s dedication to ensuring that every business that would like to do business with St. Louis County Government has the opportunity, regardless of size, race or gender. The theme for our inaugural Vendor Opportunity Fair is “Creating Opportunities and Fostering Relationships” and my office is committed to doing everything we can to ensure that our theme becomes the normal way of doing business with St. Louis County.

I would like to thank our Diversity Team- Jack Thomas, Chief Diversity Officer, Francoise Lyles-Wiggins, Deputy Diversity Officer, Nathaniel Adams and Shonte Harmon-Young, Compliance Specialists for their hard work and dedication to ensuring that small, disadvantaged, minority and women contractors are aware and afforded an opportunity to participate on St. Louis County projects.

I hope that today’s Vendor Opportunity Fair will inspire you to register as a vendor and continue to attend the various workshops that our department sponsors throughout the year. I believe that this is just the beginning of a wonderful working relationship with St. Louis County Government and I hope that you will continue to be connected to the great things that are on the horizon. When we all work together, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

Warm Regards,

Hazel Erby
Hon. Hazel M. Erby
Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

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Greetings!

On behalf of my team, I would like to welcome you to St. Louis County’s inaugural Vendor Opportunity Fair. Today’s event is a chance for you to get up close and personal with our various departments and gain an understanding of our bidding and procurement processes, permit process, and the process of becoming a registered vendor with St. Louis County. We will have staff on hand to answer questions and assist with vendor registration. There will also be a resource roundtable discussion featuring various industry leaders that can help you gain a perspective on best business practices. It is our goal to provide an opportunity for you to ask questions, network with other businesses and become more familiar with our various programs.

As Chief Diversity Officer in St. Louis County, it is important to me that all businesses are afforded the opportunity to do business with St. Louis County Government. Our office is committed to ensuring that every qualified business, regardless of size, gender and racial makeup receive fair consideration on county contracts.

We are honored to have County Executive Sam Page as today’s keynote luncheon speaker and we look forward to doing business with you!

Sincerely,

Jack Thomas, Jr.
Chief Diversity Officer
Event Agenda

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
St. Louis County Departments Exhibitor Booth Set Up | Lobby

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Exhibitor Hall Opens | Lobby

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Registration | Lobby

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast & Networking | Summit Ballroom

8:30 a.m.-8:50 a.m.
Welcome and Overview of the Day | Summit Ballroom

9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

**Lead & Healthy Homes Program-Lead Abatement Contractor Training and Licensing** | Room 202
Description: This session is designed to provide information on St. Louis County’s Healthy Homes/Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and its mission to improve the environmental health of residents and visitors of St. Louis County. This session will have an emphasis on opportunities for lead abatement contractors.

Presenter: Mark Daugherty, Lead & Healthy Homes Supervisor, St. Louis County Government
Moderator: Charles Williams, Compliance Specialist-St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

**Become A Registered Vendor with St. Louis County Government** | Room 402
Description: This session is designed to provide information on registering in St. Louis County’s Vendor System in order to receive notification of upcoming bid opportunities, obtain information on 1099 data, invoices, contracts and checks.

Presenter: Renee Medlin Schumacher, CPPO, Director of Procurement, St. Louis County Government
Moderator: April Hendricks-Brown, Senior Civil Rights Specialist-MoDOT External Civil Rights

**Working with UMSL: Registering, Tracking Requests for Bids, and Business Opportunities** | Room 204
Description: This session will discuss registration and requirements for contracting with UMSL, how to track bid opportunities, and hear from UMSL leaders in facilities.

Presenters: Wayne C. Martin III, Assistant Director Construction Operations and Kristen Meade, Director of University of Missouri Procurement
Moderator: Karl Guenther, Director, Anchor Institution Initiative, Associate Director, Community Innovation and Action Center-University of Missouri-St. Louis
Types of Solicitation Methods Used by St. Louis County Government - IFB/RFQ/RFP | Room 403
Description: This session will discuss each type of solicitation St. Louis County utilizes to procure goods & services and examine the differences between each solicitation.

Presenter: John Tigert, Procurement Manager, St. Louis County Government
Moderator: Gina Montgomery, Senior Civil Rights Specialist, MoDOT External Civil Rights

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Licensing, Permitting & Demolition in St. Louis County | Room 404
Description: This session will provide information on the licensing, permitting and demolition processes and procedures in St. Louis County Government.

Presenters: Daniel W. Dreisewerd, P.E., PTOE, Acting Director of Transportation & Public Works
Rick Hill, Chief Electrical Inspector
Curt Juergens, P.E., R.A., Municipal Contracts Manager
Barry Ramsey, Chief Plumbing Inspector
Ken Stewart, Chief Mechanical Inspector
Marcellus Speight, Manager Inspections, Building Inspections
Bill Walterscheid, P.E., Assistant Division Manager, Code Enforcement

Moderator: Daniel W. Dreisewerd, P.E., PTOE, Acting Director of Transportation & Public Works

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.

The ABC’s to Becoming a Section 3 Contractor | Room 402
Description: This session will discuss what is required in order to become a Section 3 contractor.

Presenter: Katrina Sommer, President STL Together
Moderator: Michelle Di Statso, Compliance Specialist - St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center (MoPTAC) | Room 202
Description: This session will discuss the services MoPTAC provides to assist small businesses and provide an overview of the contracting process and the System for Award Management (SAM) for federal contracting.

Presenter: Donald Robertson, Procurement Specialist-MoPTAC
Moderator: Jack Thomas, Chief Diversity Officer-St. Louis County Government

Coaching & Counseling | Room 204
Description: This session will assist small businesses in thinking smarter about their business and creating stronger business plans.

Presenter: Millie Miller Hoover, Millie’s Government Contracting Enterprise (GCE)
Moderator: Felicia Hinton-Ramey, Diversity Compliance Manager-City of St. Louis-Board of Public Service

Winning Marketing Strategies | Room 403
Description: This session will assist small businesses with creating strong marketing plans.

Presenter: Sarah Bundy, Board Member, Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)
Moderator: Deyon Hampton, Compliance Officer-St. Louis Lambert International Airport-BDD Office
10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Computer Lab Opens

Real Time Registration in UMSL Contracting System and St. Louis County Vendor System
Description: This session is a hands-on workshop guiding businesses through the registration process for the University of Missouri and St. Louis County Government. St. Louis County St. Louis County Procurement Staff and UMSL Procurement staff will be on hand to answer questions as businesses complete their on-line registration.
Moderators: Karl Guenther, Director, Anchor Institution Initiative, Associate Director, Community Innovation and Action Center-University of Missouri-St. Louis (tentative)
Tammy Cummings, Procurement Contract Coordinator, St. Louis County Government

11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

Insurance Requirements in St. Louis County | Room 403
Description: This session is designed to provide information on St. Louis County government insurance requirements.
Presenter: Ellen Mundel, ARM Risk Manager St. Louis County Government
Moderator: Gino Austin, Compliance Specialist-ST. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

Get Certified MBE/WBE/DBE with the City of St. Louis | Room 202
Description: This session will discuss what is required in order to become a certified MBE/WBE or DBE contractor.
Presenter: Amber D. Gooding, St. Louis Lambert International Airport-Assistant Airport Director for Community Programs & Business Diversity and Development
Moderator: Stacie Fowler, Compliance Manager ST. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

Estimating & Bidding Tips | Room 204
Description: This session will provide essential tips for estimating & bidding successfully in the construction environment.
Presenter: Marvin L. Johnson, CCA, CCP, Construction Management Partners, LLC
Moderator: Kellye Adams, Compliance Specialist ST. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC)

Protecting the Air Quality of Saint Louis County | Room 402
Description: This session will provide information on St. Louis County’s Air Pollution Control Program and outline requirements surrounding asbestos and demolition.
Presenter: Jeremy Rogus, Supervisor, St. Louis County Department of Public Health
Moderator: Deyon Hampton, Compliance Officer ST. Louis Lambert International Airport-BDD Office
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  

2019 St. Louis County Opportunity Fair Luncheon Program | Summit Ballroom

Luncheon Agenda

Opening Remarks
Shonte Harmon-Young
Compliance Specialist St. Louis County Government

Invocation
Reverend Larry Thurston

Welcome
Jack Thomas
Chief Diversity Officer, St. Louis County Government

Introduction
Mrs. Hazel M. Erby
Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, St. Louis County Government

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County Government

Awards

Hazel M. Erby Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion Award 2019
This award recognizes an individual, company, or organization that shares Mrs. Erby’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and seeks to raise awareness on the value that a diverse workforce, equitable treatment and an inclusive environment brings to St. Louis County.

Diversity Champion 2019
This award recognizes an organization and/or individual who successfully facilitates culture transformation within the construction industry around issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) of the Year (2019)
The MBE of the Year Award is presented to the owner of a minority business enterprise who has been actively engaged with St. Louis County during the previous 12 months. The recipient has demonstrated exemplary management, exceptional leadership and outstanding workmanship.

Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) of the Year (2019)
The WBE of the Year Award is presented to the owner of a woman-owned business enterprise who has been actively engaged with St. Louis County during the previous 12 months. The Recipient exemplifies outstanding business acumen, industry leadership and community service.

Department of the Year (2019)
The Department of the Year Award is presented to a County Department that has shown a commitment to changing the procurement culture within St. Louis County. This Department has chosen to lead by example in implementing the County’s M/WBE Ordinance by working above and beyond the call of duty, making creative suggestions and developing new work methods to incorporate the M/WBE program requirements.

Award Presentations
Mrs. Hazel M. Erby, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, St. Louis County Government
Jack Thomas, Chief Diversity Officer, St. Louis County Government

Closing Remarks
Shonte Harmon-Young, Compliance Specialist, St. Louis County Government
1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Industry Resource Roundtable | Room 402
Description: This session is structured to inform the small business community of some resources available in the region.

Panelists:
- **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis**
  Carlos Restrepo, Membership Manager
- **Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC)**
  Jacinta Witherspoon, M.A., Associate Director Certification Services/St. Louis
- **MOKAN Construction Assistance Center**
  Yaphett El-Amin, Executive Director
- **Contractors Laborer’s International Union of North America LiUNA-Midwest Region**
  Sal Valadez, Representative for Diversity, Outreach & Marketing
- **Midwest Bank Centre and The Heartland of St. Louis Black Chamber of Commerce**
  Veta T. Jeffery, Senior Vice President of Community and Economic Development

Moderator: Shonte Harmon-Young, Compliance Specialist-St. Louis County Government

**PRESENTERS**

Mark Daugherty, Lead & Healthy Homes Supervisor, St. Louis County Government
Mark has recently become the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program Supervisor for St. Louis County’s Office of Community Development (OCD). He has been with St. Louis County for 32 years, with the past 17 as the Construction Supervisor under the HOME program. Mark is licensed with the State of Missouri as a Lead Risk Assessor, and his background in education is Business Administration and Architecture.

Renee Medlin Schumacher, CPPO, Director of Procurement, St. Louis County Government
Reneé Medlin Schumacher is the Director of Procurement for St. Louis County. With over 20 years of experience in the public sector, she has worked in the areas of procurement, finance, and human resources. Reneé is a Certified Public Procurement Officer (CPPO), holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance, both from the University of Arkansas-Monticello, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Arkansas - Little Rock.

Wayne C. Martin III, Assistant Director Construction Operations, UMSL
Wayne C. Martin, III is the Assistant Director of Construction Operations for University of Missouri-St. Louis campus.

Kristen Meade, Director of Procurement, UMSL
Kristen Meade is the Director over procurement and contracting for the four University of Missouri campuses, University of Missouri System and University of Missouri Health Care.
John Tigert, Procurement Manager, St. Louis County Government
John graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Government, with a specialization in Policy, and in 2018 earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. He has worked in the private sector in various roles that included working in areas that included quoting and request for proposals processes. John joined St. Louis County in 2018 in a contracts role in the Department of Public Health before moving to the County’s Procurement Division, where he currently serves as the Procurement Manager.

Daniel W. Dreisewerd, P.E., Acting Director of Transportation, St. Louis County Government
Daniel Dreisewerd has more than 23 years of experience in public and private sector engineering. He has managed a diverse professional and technical staff in the development and delivery of a wide variety of roadway, transportation and facility projects.

Dan is currently the Acting Director of St. Louis County’s Department of Transportation and Public Works. In this role he leads a team of 750 employees who maintain, plan, design, & construct the County’s roadway and facilities infrastructure. The Departments also enforces the building and property maintenance codes within the County. Prior to leading the Department, Dan served St. Louis County as the Code Enforcement Division Manager for 6 years and as a supervisor in the Design Division for more than 10 years, during which time he served as the Project Manager for the $66 million Page-Olive Connector, St. Louis County’s largest roadway project ever and first design-build project.

Dan is a 1994 graduate of the University of Missouri – Rolla (Missouri Science & Technology), a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Missouri, and a certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. He was awarded the 2011 St. Louis Missouri Professional Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers. He served as President of the Transportation Engineers Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM). Dan is currently an active member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, National Fire Protection Association, International Code Council, Missouri Association of Building Officials and Inspectors, and Metropolitan Fire Marshals Association.

Rick Hill, Chief Electrical Inspector, St. Louis County Government
Mr. Hill has over 35 years of electrical code enforcement experience. Beginning as an inspector, then assistant chief inspector and finally Chief Electrical Inspector. He served as President of the St. Louis Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Electrical Board of Missouri and Illinois. For St. Louis County Rick is also the secretary to both the Electrical Examining Board and the Electrical Code Review Committee. He is certified as an electrical inspector and an electrical plans examiner and holds an electrical license.

Curt Juergens, P.E., R.A., Municipal Contracts Manager, St. Louis County Government
With over 35 years of experience as a Registered Architect and Professional Engineer, Curt is currently responsible for administering municipal contracts for the 88 cities and villages comprising St. Louis County, and providing training for the County Public Works plan reviewers and inspectors. He managed the redesign efforts for the Public Works website when the County switched internet platforms approximately 10 years ago.

Prior to his tenure at St. Louis County, Curt worked at architectural/engineering, utility and insurance/financial firms, providing management, design, engineering, energy analysis, financial investment, contracting, cost estimating, and building official services for commercial, industrial and residential projects throughout the United States. Architectural/Engineering projects included distribution facilities, office buildings, restaurants, warehouses, schools, shopping centers, supermarkets, retirement community apartment complexes, correctional and police station facilities, retail centers, park and recreational facilities, medical/dental offices and custom residential homes.
Barry Ramsey, Chief Plumbing Inspector, St. Louis County Government
Barry Ramsey has been employed as the Chief Plumbing Inspector / Supervisor for St. Louis County, Public Works - Code Enforcement for the last 7 years. Barry manages a staff of 15 which includes Plumbing Inspectors and Support Staff. His team is responsible for protecting the health of the County through plumbing inspections, plumbing investigations, and ensuring that all parties permitted to work in St. Louis County are properly licensed and insured. Barry is an active member on the Boards and Committees that govern the professional licenses issued under the Plumbing Code and the review and adoption of the Plumbing Code.

Barry has over 30 years of experience in the Plumbing Industry spending most of that time as a Union Plumber working as a Journeyman, Foreman, General Foreman, and Superintendent in the Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial fields of construction. He is a Master Plumber and a Certified Plumbing Instructor along with being a Gulf War Veteran after serving 14 years active and reserve with the United States Marine Corps. Barry is a member of the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanicals Officials (IAPMO).

Ken Stewart, Chief Mechanical Inspector, St. Louis County Government
Ken Stewart is the Chief Mechanical Inspector for St Louis County. He supervises sixteen field inspectors and three support staff that provide inspections to contractors in the HVAC, Pipefitting, Sheet Metal and Fire Sprinkler trades along with elevator and amusement inspections. After retiring from the military with 23 years of service, he started at the County as a Mechanical field Inspector then moved on to the Assistant Chief to finally the Chief mechanical inspector. He was able to follow this progression by finding better ways to do business and not afraid of change along with gaining required credentials such as mechanical inspector, Amusement Inspector, Fire protection Inspector, complex requirements of Mechanical Code and Mechanical Plans Reviewer. A few of his accomplishments: Revamping periodic inspection program, creating process of assigning amusement inspections, overhauling Journeyman license testing and updating the way Inspectors result inspections. He is pleased to be part of the County Team where he gets to help individuals on a daily basis.

Marcellus Speight, Manager Inspections, Building Inspections, St. Louis County Government
Marcellus Anthony Speight III has been employed with St Louis County for over 18 years. Since joining the county, he has held positions as an Electrical Inspector, Assistant Chief Electrical Inspector, Chief Building Inspector and presently the Manager of Inspections. Marcellus has a Bachelor of Science – Business Administration/Management from Columbia College. He holds a Texas State License as a Plumbing Examiner, and Master Electrician. He is certified as an Electrical Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, and Building Inspector. In his current position as Manager of Inspection he is responsible for overseeing residential and commercial building damage assessment activities resulting from catastrophic natural disasters and local weather events. Marcellus manages the operations within the Building Inspection Department and the county Demolition Program. Some of Marcellus’s affiliations are International Association of Past President Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA).

Bill Walterscheid, P. E., Assistant Division Manager, St. Louis County Government
Bill has been employed by St. Louis County Department of Public Works for 34 years. He spent 27 years reviewing building plan submissions for building permits. Before being promoted to the Assistant Division Manager of Code Enforcement, he spent 5 years as the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Plan Review Supervisor. Prior to his employment with St. Louis County, Bill was employed for 1 year with FEMA Region VII.

Bill received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1983. Bill is an active member of the international Code Council (ICC) and the Missouri Association of Building Official and Inspectors (MABOI).
Henry C. L. Anderson, Assistant Chief Electrical Inspector, St. Louis County Government

Henry C. L. Anderson came up in a Construction Family and was pulling Non-Metallic Sheathed Cable (Romex) at an early age, helping in the Family Business. After high school he went into the US Army serving 8 years actively and in the reserves. Making his way back home to the tools he would take over the Family Business. He has been an A card holder in The Local 58 IBEW in Detroit, Michigan. Acting as General Foreman, Project Manager, Company Superintendent and Teaching. He now uses his knowledge having dealt with all aspects of the trade, as the Assistant Chief Electrical Inspector in St. Louis County.

Katrina Sommer, President STL Together

Katrina Sommer has over thirteen years working with HUD programs including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership & the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). She specializes in connecting community partners with resources and navigating compliance with federal regulations.

Donald Robertson, Procurement Specialist, Missouri Procurement Training Assistance Center

Donald C Robertson Sr. is a Procurement Technical Assistance Counselor serving the greater St. Louis Metro area assisting vendors in certification, marketing and contract management with governmental agencies.

He has achieved a Master’s Degree in Education from University of Missouri St. Louis with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Webster University. Before working with Missouri Extension PTAC, Donald worked for Monsanto company for 18 years as an Office Planner. Donald spent 5 years as a Diversity Manager for MHR International working for SPK on the Lambert Airport Expansion Project helping MWDBE firms through outreach, project compliance, and business support. Donald continued to work in the diversity management field with his own company, DCR Management Consultants later taking on the role of Director of in the St. Louis Diversity Program. Other positions include Diversity Analysts -MARTA Atlanta Georgia, Diversity Manager Columbus Regional Airport, Columbia, Ohio.

Mille Miller Hoover, Millie's Government Contracting Enterprise (GCE)

Millie retired after more than 34 years with the Department of Defense (DOD). Millie held various contracting positions with the Defense Contracting Management Agency (DCMA) and the United States Army where she negotiated a $1.3 billion contract. Recently, Millie retired after eight years as a Procurement Specialist with the Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) based in St. Louis County. Millie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master’s degree in Management.

As founder and CEO of Millie's Government Contracting Enterprise (GCE), Millie is involved in integrating public, private and educational business with individuals and businesses located in the State of Missouri and Illinois. As a trained and experienced counselor, Millie’s business coaching and consulting is comprehensive and personalized for each client with which she engages.

Sarah Bundy, Board Member, Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS)

Sarah Bundy, recently joined the CASCO + R | 5 team as the Director of Strategic Pursuits. With a B.F.A from Maryville University, CM-BIM certification and over five years’ experience in Marketing and Communications, she is an expert in marketing strategy, driving demand and building successful, profitable practices. As the Director of Strategic Pursuits at CASCO + R | 5, she is focused on optimizing strategies to accelerate revenue.
Ellen Mundel, ARM, Risk Manager, St. Louis County Government
Ellen Mundel is a Business Graduate of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, with a Management Information Systems emphasis. She has worked in Risk Management since 1987 for various industries, including healthcare and manufacturing. Her background includes insurance procurement, claims administration and loss control. Ellen has been with St. Louis County since 2016.

Amber Dancy Gooding, St. Louis Lambert International Airport-Assistant Airport Director
Amber Dancy Gooding is the Director of Business Diversity Development and Community Programs at St. Louis Lambert International Airport, the country’s largest “medium hub” airport. Ms. Gooding is responsible for managing the Airport’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concessions DBE (ACDBE) Programs, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and the Certification for the City of St. Louis’ Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Programs.

Ms. Gooding has more than 25 years of experience in business development across several industries including healthcare, aviation and government. Amber Dancy Gooding attended Fisk University and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from Christian Brothers University and her MBA from Lipscomb University.

Marvin L. Johnson, CCA, CCP, Construction Management Partners, LLC
Mr. Johnson has amassed 28 years of construction management experience in the local, regional and national design and construction markets. His Sr. Project Management expertise contributed to the placement of over $1 Billion of construction in the St. Louis metropolitan area and the surrounding Mid-West and South-East Regional markets. Mr. Johnson has been recognized for his outstanding project management performance in the delivery of complex building programs.

Marvin L. Johnson currently serves as Senior Consultant and Member of Construction Management Partners, LLC (CMP). CMP is a consulting practice specializing in the areas of Project Management and Owner’s Representative Services. Specialty markets include Healthcare, Higher Education and Major League Sports Facilities. Other responsibilities include financial management, cost avoidance/recovery, preconstruction-speed-to-market strategies, project budget cost control, business development, corporate strategic planning for market growth.

Carlos Restrepo, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis
Carlos Restrepo is the Membership Manager for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. Restrepo is a bilingual communications and marketing professional, with a career background focusing on graphic design, social media, journalism, public relations, and medical interpreting. In all his endeavors, Restrepo has remained committed to the betterment of the Hispanic and immigrant communities of St. Louis and beyond.
Jacinta L. Witherspoon, M.A., Women’s Business Development Center (WBDC) St. Louis Office

Jacinta L. Witherspoon serves as the Associate Director of Certification for the Women’s Business Development Center’s (WBDC) St. Louis satellite office. In this role she specializes in WBE and WOSB certification and works with women business owners providing them education, information and resources to operate as successful business owners. As an entrepreneur herself, Jacinta is passionate about connecting business owners, community resource partners, corporate and government supplier diversity and procurement professionals for opportunities to learn, grow and spur economic development.

Yaphett El-Amin, Executive Director, MOKAN Construction Contractors Assistance Center

Yaphett El-Amin currently serves as Executive Director of MOKAN Construction and Contractors Assistance Center, a non-profit organization that for more than 35 years has served as a vital link between minority and women owned firms and the general construction community. Yaphett has been on the forefront of advocacy issues within the St. Louis Community for many years.

Sal Valadez, Laborer’s International Union of North America LiUNA-Midwest Region

Sal Valadez is a Mexican immigrant, a high school drop-out, U.S. Army Veteran and a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa where he was awarded an M.A. in Political Science (Alternative Futures Program) and a B.A. in Political Science. He is a 2019 graduate of the Washington University School of Medicine’s 2019 Community Research Fellows Program.

He is employed by the LiUNA Midwest Region as the Representative for Diversity, Outreach & Marketing and is assigned to Eastern Missouri Laborers’ District Council.

Sal’s areas of responsibilities include diversity & inclusion, workforce development, employment, education, and addressing disparities in underserved immigrant and ethnic communities. He believes in the power of collaboration to address issues that challenge individuals, communities, workers and families, and the workplace.

Veta T. Jeffery, Sr. V.P. of Community and Economic Development, Midwest Bank Centre

Veta T. Jeffery joined Midwest Bank Centre as senior vice president of community and economic development. Her office is located at the Midwest Bank Centre branch at 6810 Page Ave. in Pagedale.

Her primary responsibility will be to expand the Heartland St. Louis Black Chamber of Commerce (HSBCC), serving the full metro St. Louis region. As a member of the bank’s community and economic development team, she will focus on serving established and emerging businesses.

At its July 2018 convention, Jeffery also was elected to the US Black Chambers’ board as national director of chamber relations. In that role, she will work to connect top African-American-owned businesses with Fortune 500 companies to generate economic growth.
2019 St. Louis County Vendor Opportunity Fair Planning Committee:

Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
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Francoise Lyles-Wiggins, Deputy Director, Contract Compliance
Shonte Harmon-Young, Compliance Specialist

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