



CMAA New England & COMTO Boston Present:

Large Transportation Program Partnering: An Informational Session for all DBEs

Featuring:

**MassDOT/MBTA, Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office, WSP, Skanska Civil,
McCourt Construction, Suffolk Construction**

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join CMAA New England and COMTO Boston on September 19, 2023, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at 10 Park Plaza for a discussion on diversity, equity, and inclusion. This program will feature panel discussions from owners, contractors, and consultants on forming diverse project teams for large transportation programs. Time will be allocated before and after the panel discussion for networking. Panelists include:

Darnell Williams, Deputy Chief Diversity Officer, Office Diversity & Civil Rights, ODCR, MassDOT/MBTA

Meghan Costa, Construction Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)

Paul Pedini, Senior Vice President, Skanska USA (Civil)

Ryan McCourt, President, McCourt Construction

Michael Bertoulin, VP | Principal Project Manager, WSP

Jamilee Fish, Manager, Trade Partner Diversity, Suffolk Construction (Moderator)

Registration Open!

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[10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116](#)

Limited capacity; do not miss out! Light refreshments will be served.

To Register and for all the latest event details, [visit the event page here.](#)

About this Program and the Partnership between CMAA New England and COMTO Boston

CMAA New England and COMTO Boston have been fostering a strong relationship over the past year to provide expanded benefits to each organizations' members. Each organization's missions and visions align, making for a strong partnership in the local market. This program is slated to be an annual occurrence between the two organizations.



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Darnell Williams – Deputy Chief Diversity Officer, Office Diversity & Civil Rights, ODCR, MassDOT/MBTA

Prior to his current role as Deputy Chief Diversity Officer, Office Diversity & Civil Rights, ODCR at MassDOT/MBTA, Darnell served as President and Chief Executive Officer, of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, on the MBTA Board of Directors and the MBTARF, Retirement Fund as a Trustee. He served as President of New England Area Conference, NAACP and the Springfield, Massachusetts Branch President, NAACP. Darnell also served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era. He resides in the Fort Hill section of Roxbury with his wife, Colleen, and daughter, Imani Williams. Darnell is the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate degree in Laws from American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts as well as an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters from Worcester State University. Darnell currently serves as 1st Vice President of Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Boston.

Meghan Costa, Construction Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)

Meghan Costa is the Construction Program Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office. Meghan works with small and diverse businesses to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in state contracting. Meghan works in collaboration with DCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) to set project specific goals for MBE and WBE participation in state funded vertical construction projects and coordinates outreach and engagement activities to communicate bidding opportunities, trainings, and other various resources for small and diverse businesses. Meghan previously worked for Plumbers Local 12 Union Education Fund. Meghan holds a BA in Political Science from Bridgewater State University and a Certificate in Construction Management from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Paul Pedini – Senior Vice President, Skanska USA (Civil)

Paul is Senior Vice President for Skanska, responsible for all Civil Operations in New England. He also founded and manages Skanska's National Virtual Design & Construction (VDC) Center of Excellence in Boston. Paul was instrumental in the creation of the Skanska/McCourt Chelsea Route 1/Chelsea Viaduct work plan and assisted in various engineering solutions during the job which was awarded the CMAA-NE 2022 Project of the Year. Paul received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Tufts.



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Ryan McCourt, President, McCourt Construction

Ryan McCourt is President of McCourt Construction one of Massachusetts' premier heavy civil contractors. McCourt performs large projects for MassDOT, MBTA, Massachusetts Port Authority as well as local utilities, municipalities, and developers across Massachusetts. Beyond his role at McCourt, he is currently the President of the Utility Contractors Association of New England and the Chairman of the Construction Industries of Massachusetts Labor Relations Division. When not at work, he sits on the Board of Directors for the McCourt Foundation. In his spare time, Ryan enjoys nothing more than spending time with his family and watching his children play sports.

Michael Bertoulin, VP | Principal Project Manager, WSP

Mike has been a CMAA-NE Board member for over 16 years, working on a variety of Committees, and became President in 2012. He currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Awards Committee and is a member of the Finance and Advisory/Governance Committees. Mike has worked for Parsons- Brinkerhoff, now WSP, for over 35 years, often credited with thinking out of the box and is now a Vice President, Principal Project Manager. Some of the most notable projects on which he was instrumental were the Central Artery "Big Dig" from the mid-90s to 2005 on which he oversaw construction of a vast array of jacked, immersed and cut-an-cover tunnels and was awarded the 2003 ENR Top 25 Newsmaker ACEC Awards for I-90 and I-93; other achievements include the Rockingham Mall Flyover Bridge which won the NH-ACEC Project of the Year Award in 1990 and the NHDOT Whittier Bridge Replacement over the Merrimack River, the recipient of the CMAA-NE Project of the Year award in 2019.

Jamilee Fish, Manager, Trade Partner Diversity, Suffolk Construction (Moderator)

Jamie Fish is the Manager of Trade Partner Diversity for Suffolk Construction, located in Boston, MA. In her role, she supports the development and implementation of data-driven programs that elevate Suffolk's external diversity efforts. She also manages the compliance and business utilization of minority, women, veteran, and locally owned business across Suffolk's projects to exceed the demands of clients. Jamie joined Suffolk in June of 2023, after serving as the Learning Strategy Consultant at Patrick Engineering. She brings over fifteen years of experience in the business with eight years focused on engineering and construction. Jamie holds a B.S. in Management Studies from Boston University. She is a member of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) New England Chapter's Committee supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.



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