



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## MWRD Vendor Outreach Fair offers opportunities to MBEs, WBEs and SBEs

- WHO:** Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)
- WHAT:** Vendor Outreach Fair
- WHERE:** University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St., 3rd Floor  
Parking is available on the east side of Halsted in front of the Student Center East.
- WHEN:** Monday, April 16, 2018 - 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Registration begins at 8 a.m.; program begins at 8:30 a.m.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) seeks to expand and maximize business opportunities for local Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs).

Business owners seeking to register as a potential vendor with the MWRD can learn more about the process at the MWRD's second Vendor Outreach Fair in 2018. It will be held on April 16 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted St., 3rd Floor. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the program begins at 8:30 a.m.

The fair's theme is "Building a Resilient Cook County through Diversity." Dozens of firms and government agencies will be available to answer questions and offer opportunities on how to grow businesses and achieve goal attainment.

This event is the second fair the MWRD has held this Spring, following an event held at the Gleacher Cen-

ter in Chicago on March 22. The earlier fair welcomed hundreds of contractors, consultants, subcontractors and potential vendors who met with MWRD officials and other firms, to learn how to register as a vendor and secure work opportunities with the MWRD.

MWRD Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, who is chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee, said "The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago strives to provide a fair, inclusive and transparent process that promotes diversity and excellence in the workplace, as we pursue water quality improvements and prevent flooding in Cook County. The Vendor Outreach Fair allows firms exposure to the MWRD work process and gives them the tools to success."

To register for this event, please call (312) 751-5717. Although walk-ins are welcome, participants are encouraged to download and complete an MWRD vendor application prior to the event and bring a current Letter of Certification. For more information regarding contract opportunities, visit [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org).

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