



Talking Feather News for the week of May 25, 2008

Business Opportunity



CITY of DETROIT

NEW! Call for Bids on DWS-872: Michigan Ave. Reservoir #1 Decommissioning

The **City of Detroit** will accept sealed bids for this work delivered to the Detroit Finance Department, Purchasing Division, Room # 1008 Coleman Young Municipal Center, Two Woodward Ave. Detroit, Michigan 48226 until **2:00 p.m. local time on June 12, 2008**. This contract (DWS-872) includes but is not limited to furnishing services, labor, material, permits, and all works shown and specified in the contract documents. The Bidder should understand and accept that the extent of the work may be different from the quantities of the various items in the Bid Schedule and might need to be adjusted. **Bidding documents may be obtained beginning May 13, 2008** from the DWSD Contracts Section, 1504 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph Street, Detroit MI 48226 on business days between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **A non-refundable charge of \$150.00** in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners **is required to secure these bidding documents**. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the Bidder's Bid is necessary when placing your bid for this project. **There will be a pre-bid conference May 29, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. at 1606 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226. A site tour will also be held on May 29th from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** You may contact Daniel Edwards at (313) 964-9471 to sign up for this tour or if you have any questions about this bid.



CITY of DETROIT

NEW! RFP Announcement for CS-1474: Replacement of High Lift and Low Lift Pumping Units at the Springwells Water Treatment Plant

The **Detroit Water and Sewerage Department** will accept written proposals for this work delivered to the attention of Darryl A. Latimer, DWSD's Contracts and Grants Manager, DWSD, 735 Randolph St, Rm. 1501, Detroit, Michigan 48226 until **12:00 p.m. local time on July 2, 2008**. Proposals will only be accepted from firms/project teams demonstrating a minimum of 10 years' experience (in at least 5 facilities) in the design of new construction and rehabilitation of existing municipal water treatment facility projects, and at least 10 years' experience in scheduling, changes, and claims analysis and contract administration of municipal construction projects. There are other requirements, as well; please contact Mohinder Kashyap at (313) 964-9814 with any questions. **A Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained beginning May 27, 2008** from the DWSD Contracts Section, 1504 Water Board Building, 735 Randolph Street, Detroit MI 48226 on business days between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **A non-refundable charge of \$50.00** in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners **is required to secure the RFP. A site tour will be held on June 18th at 10:00 a.m. at 8300 Warren, Dearborn, Michigan 48126; this will be followed by a pre-proposal conference at 2:00 p.m. in the 16th floor conference room at 735 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan 48226.** You may contact Daniel Edwards at (313) 964-9471 to sign up for this tour or if you have any questions about this bid.

Upcoming Events



24th Annual MMBDC Invitational Golf Tournament June 9, 2008 – Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti, MI

The Michigan Minority Business Development Council will hold their 24th Annual Invitational Golf Tournament on June 9, 2008. This event is designed to bring suppliers, customers and potential customers together for a day of networking while enjoying the challenge of one of five championship golf courses. For more information or to register for this event, you can go to the website: www.mmbdcgolf.com.



Council of Energy Resource Tribes Energy Solutions 2008 June 23-25, 2008 – Enoch, AB (Canada)

The Council of Energy Resource Tribes will hold their Energy Solutions 2008 and North American Spirit Awards Dinner at the RiverCree Resort Casino in Enoch, Alberta on **June 23-25, 2008**. The conference will provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss opportunities in oil and gas and other resources. More information is available on their website: www.certreearth.com.



Native American Community Development Training Program August 18-22, 2008 – Chicago, IL

The NeighborWorks Training Institute's Training Program is specifically tailored to the professional needs of Native American community development practitioners and others working to serve Indian Country. Scholarships are available - the deadline to apply is **June 6, 2008**. For details, please see their website: www.nw.org/training.



All Nations Skate Jam 2008 II Walt Disney World August 22, 2008 – Lake Buena Vista, FL

The All Nations Skate Jam 2008 II will be held at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida on **August 22, 2008**. This is the second round of 2008's national championship of Native American skaters. For details, please e-mail allnationskate@hotmail.com.



2008 NABA Fund Golf Outing & Cultural Event September 8, 2008 Indianwood Golf & Country Club Lake Orion, MI

The Native American Business Alliance Fund's 8th Annual Golf Outing & Cultural Event will be held on **September 8, 2008** at the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion, MI. This event is being sponsored by Chrysler, LLC. Registration for the Golf Outing will begin in July of 2008. In June you will be able to find more details on the NABA website: www.native-american-bus.org.



International Career Advancement Program - September 19-28, 2008 Aspen, CO

The Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, and the Aspen Institute invite nominations and applications for the **International Career Advancement Program (ICAP)**. ICAP will bring together mid-career professionals from groups underrepresented in leadership positions in international affairs with senior officials and policymakers to spend one week in Aspen, Colorado, discussing a wide range of topics of interest to both groups. The aim of this program is to assist highly promising mid-career professionals advance to more senior positions in international affairs. For details about ICAP, applicant criteria, and an application form, go to <http://mysite.du.edu/~trowe/icap/> or e-mail trowe@du.edu. **Completed applications are due by May 5, 2008.**



Morongoband of Mission Indians 18th Annual Powwow September 26-28, 2008 Cabazon, CA

The **Morongoband of Mission Indians** would like to invite NABA members to their 18th Annual Thunder & Lightning Powwow. The Morongoband Powwow has matured over the years into one of the most respected and popular Powwows, and has been named the nation's #1 competition Powwow. For more information, including registration information, please go to www.morongocasinosort.com.

Request for Support



Filmmaker Seeks Grants and Sponsorship Support for a Documentary on Native Americans

Visions, a non-profit video production company, is seeking funding support for the production of an 85-minute PBS documentary on Native Americans. The project will be shot in Michigan and will focus primarily on the tribes of the Upper Peninsula – but the themes addressed will apply to the Native American community as a whole. The documentary will cover issues such as historical trauma, boarding school syndrome and forced assimilation. It will also deal with challenges related to identity and the experience of being caught between two worlds. They are reaching out to the Native American business community for support to make this project a reality. They are seeking individual, corporate, and foundation grants and donations (the company is a 501(c)3, so all donations would be tax-exempt), as well as other fundraising support. To learn more about how you can support this documentary, please contact Audrey Geyer at (810) 229-9127 or audreygeyer@aol.com.

Did you know?



New Technology Steel's Supplier Diversity Program

NABA member New Technology Steel is a network of state-of-the-art steel processing service centers. Their **Supplier Gateway** is designed to bring new suppliers on smoothly. If you are able to supply quality steel products or processing and support services, please go to www.newtechnologysteel.com to learn more about their Supplier Diversity Program. You can also contact Flora Jones, Manager, Supplier Diversity at (313) 653-4746 or e-mail supplier.diversity@newtechnologysteel.com.

Changes at NABA



- **NABA Offices are Moving**
- **NABA Welcomes our new Executive Assistant**

The NABA Offices are moving effective May 31, 2008. The new address will be 290 Town Center, Suite 624, Dearborn, MI 48126. The phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain the same. Because of the move, the NABA Office will be shut down for the entire first week of June, and will have limited access to phones and e-mail throughout the entire month of June. The office will re-open with full services on **Monday, June 30th**.

The Native American Business Alliance would like to introduce our new Executive Assistant, Victoria Guzman. A member of Walpole Island, Victoria comes to us from Indian Health and Human Services and will serve as Dora Badger's replacement. Please join us in welcoming her to the NABA Staff.