



Talking Feather News

For the week of July 23, 2007

Business Opportunity

Tooles Contracting Group looking for joint venture

Tooles Contracting Group, LLC is reaching out to any of our members that may be interested in a joint venture with their company for work in the construction industry. Tooles wants to diversify into markets such as health care, power, and the casino market, as well as other areas where their core competency can be best utilized. Please contact Tooles directly if you are interested in discussing a joint venture with them. The contact person is James Morris. He can be reached at the Detroit Office: (313) 221-8500 or at Tooles' Las Vegas Office: (702) 968-2900.

Upcoming Events



Community Forum on Workforce & Contracting Opportunities with MDOT June 25, 2007 – Detroit, MI

The Governor's Office of Community & Faith Based Initiatives, MDOT, and the Detroit Chapter of the **NAACP** are holding a Community Forum on workplace & contracting opportunities with MDOT on **Monday, June 25, 2007** from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Northwest Activities Center at 18100 Meyers Road in Detroit, MI. MDOT Metro Region staff members will be on hand to present on how to bid on upcoming projects in the area. They will also highlight upcoming construction opportunities with MDOT in the areas of freeways, surface streets, bridges, sewers, and more!



Pre-Certification Orientation August 7, 2007 – NABA Office Bingham Farms, MI

Do you want to certify your company as a Native American-owned business? The **Native American Business Alliance** will hold their second Pre-Certification Orientation at the NABA Office on **Tuesday, August 7, 2007 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the NABA Office**. This orientation will be taught by Nancy Jones of Global Diversity Technologies and is a valuable resource for businesses that want to increase their opportunities by becoming certified as minority-owned companies, and for companies that need to become certified to keep current contracts.



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2007 NABA Fund Golf Outing & Cultural Event August 20, 2007 - Lake Orion, MI

The 2007 NABA Fund Golf Outing & Cultural Event is fast approaching! This year's Golf Outing will be held at the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion, MI. This event is sponsored by DaimlerChrysler Corporation and features golfing at one of Michigan's premier private golf courses, lunch at the turn, a networking event with representatives from Fortune 500 companies, a cultural presentation and a steak dinner – all for only \$250.00 per golfer! A silent auction will also be held; items will include golf gear, luggage, and a 3-day Carnival Cruise to a destination of your choice (donated by Departure Travel Management). Other auction items will be made available on the day of the event.

The deadline to register is August 16, 2007! You can go to www.native-american-bus.org to register or to find more information - or just call the NABA Office at (248) 988-9344. Our other generous sponsors are listed on the website, along with a list of sponsorships that are still available.

Congratulations!



Reconnecting the Circle essay contest awards \$25,000.00 to high school students

Reconnecting the Circle, a Virginia organization whose mission is to encourage people to learn about contemporary Native American people and cultures, and to develop a more positive, meaningful, and complete perspective on Indian Country, held an essay contest this year in which they asked Native and non-Native students to address the question, *Why is reconnecting the circle with Native Americans important today?* The 10 winners were selected from submissions they received from high school students in all 50 states and were each awarded \$2,500.00. NABA members **BiStar Corporation** and **Dakkota Integrated Systems, LLC** each contributed to the awards fund, and NABA National Executive Director Jackie Gant was one of the judges of the essay contest. More information can be found at www.reconnectingthecircle.com and in the upcoming edition of NABA's newsletter, *Moccasin Print*.