



End of Year Review

A Message from Our President



Greetings!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to our many chapter members, major corporate partners, major corporate owners, and strategic alliances for their support as we embark on our 47th year.

When I joined the National Association of Minority Contractors 20 years ago, it was because of a number of successful minority business owners, including NAMC Hall of Fame and Legacy Builders. NAMC remains a strong voice for advocacy, contractor development and access to opportunity for the minority construction contractor community. A large part of my business success has been forged through the relationships built inside of NAMC.

I am excited to serve as president of the oldest minority business organization in America. During the next year we hope to focus on Workforce Development in the transportation industry, enforcement and compliance of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Program, as well as increasing the opportunities shared with our membership.

I am excited to share this journey with you and look forward to a positive and productive 2016!

Warm Regards,

Wendell Stemley, CMAA
National President

NAMC at the Congressional Black Caucus

Announcing the New Executive Officers

National President
Wendell Stemley
Black IPO, Inc.

National Executive Vice President
Kaye Gantt
North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development

National Treasurer
Pete Varma
Intraline, Inc.

National Secretary
Rosalind Styles
Capitol City Associates, Inc.

FY 2015 DBE Report Summary

During 2015 a total number of 14,267 DBE contracts were awarded for a total of \$1,834,958,203.67 in awards and commitments.



Of the total number of contracts awarded 8,173 were awarded to NonMinority DBE firms.



On Thursday, September 17th, The Congressional Black Caucus brought together a distinguished panel of federal, state and local officials, including Rep. Elijah E. Cummings and experts in the transportation industry for the

“Transportation Braintrust: Embracing Innovation, Inspiring Leaders and Bridging Opportunities.” The purpose of the transportation focused panel was to educate congressional representatives about the issues affecting people of color in the US (i.e. streets and highways, public transportation, trains etc). A broad spectrum of ideas was discussed, including ones facing local communities, minority suppliers, contractors and vendors.

One of the main points discussed during the event was the “Grow America” proposal. The 6 year proposal seeks to modernize our infrastructure while growing the national economy by providing significant workforce opportunities in communities of color. The blueprint boasts a budget of \$478 billion to make sure that our US transportation system is safe, secure for users and on par with our counterparts in other leading countries.

Representing the National Association of Minority Contractors, President of the organization, Mr. Stemley, stressed and was successful in being part of the collaborative that helped get the long term surface transportation bill passed (HR 22 – representing \$350 billion its first year) and the need for compliance and enforcement of the federal DBE program.

FEATURED ARTICLE

NAMC National Sows a Seed to Help Preserve an American Treasure

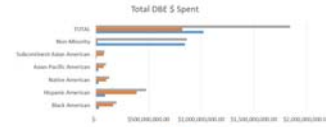
During the 46th National Conference in Las Vegas – contractors, partners and friends donated generously to help support the NAMC Legacy Scholarship and [The Harriet Tubman Home](#) in Auburn, New York.



“Mrs. Tubman’s legacy and her contribution to the betterment of our society is a cause worth supporting. We are proud to support the preservation of her home and surrounding grounds,” said Wendell Stemley, NAMC National President.

Harriet Tubman was referred to as the “Moses” of her time and is best known for her role as a conductor on the [Underground Railroad](#). She rendered service to the Union Army during the Civil War and then settled in Auburn, New York.

Plans are underway to build a new interpretive center in Auburn to share her story and legacy. “We look forward to a continued collaboration with NAMC and having minority contractors involved in the project,” said Karen Hill, President & CEO, The Harriet Tubman Home.



Chapter Spotlight

South Carolina Chapter

The National Association of Minority Contractors boasts chapters all over the country. We are committing to highlighting those chapters and their members over the next year. One of our fastest growing and productive chapters is South Carolina.

Dr. Louis Lynn, president of the SC Chapter, has committed to continuing the mission of NAMC in his state. While advocating for minority construction firms in his region, Dr. Lynn is also the founder of ENVIRO AgScience, Inc. (a minority owned construction company, based in South Carolina) and newly appointed National Urban League Board Member.

NAMC South Carolina Chapter has been integral in the rebuilding of the state due to historical flooding over the past year.

“Supporting small business is important, because it’s where ENVIRO AgScience came from.”
- Dr. Louis Lynn

Upcoming NAMC Events

2016 NAMC Mid-Winter Meeting

*Miami Lakes, FL
Feb. 17 - Feb. 19*

2016 NAMC National Conference

*(Co-sponsored with
GA Gov. Nathan Deal
and Atl Mayor Kaseem Reed)*

Atlanta, GA
Omni Atlanta Hotel : CNN Center
June 15 - June 17



To honor Mrs. Tubman's contributions, President Barack Obama established the first national park honoring an African American woman in December 2014, known as the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in the Auburn, New York area. This park was established in addition to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Historical Park on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Harriet Tubman will be featured in an upcoming HBO biopic and she is also being considered for placement on [U. S. currency](#).

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

-Harriet Tubman

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