

# The Transporter



## Tulsa Job/ Training Outreach



The June 11, 2016, event brought an estimated 220 participants. Several new DBE firms in the Tulsa metro area have been certified following this event and many potential firms have started completing their DBE applications on-line. The event also prompted additional discussion on ways to assist Tulsa and the surrounding communities with training and other outreach programs within the DBE program.



This event initiated several partnerships and sponsorships. The Civil Rights Division would like to thank Tulsa Senator Kevin Matthews and Senator Gary Stanislawski,

Representative Regina Goodwin, Tulsa Tech, HSW Services, Workforce Oklahoma and AOGC for making this event a success. In addition, we would also like to thank the several vendors who came out on a Saturday to meet with prospective DBEs and employees. Employment opportunities were offered and networking relationships were developed during the event.

This event was one of the first in Tulsa and we seek to provide more services that will reach the Tulsa Metro and surrounding areas.



## Transit and Airport Outreach Opportunities

The Transit and Airport Outreach handouts, contact information and Opportunity Event was held at the Oklahoma City Downtown Aloft on Friday, August 26, 2016. This event brought Transit and Airport entities together to share information and business opportunities with DBE firms. Firms were offered a chance to connect one on one with vendors and learn the bidding process. Each vendor made a presentation to all attendees as well as provided



## NSTI 2016



The National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) is funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT). The program is designed to introduce high school students to all modes of transportation related careers and works to encourage trans-related courses at a college or university. The host site is recommended to FHWA by a panel reviewing all proposals and grading each proposal. This year's host site was the Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City (OSU-OKC). The students experienced all aspects of transportation in Oklahoma. They learned how to make concrete and then toured the ODOT Materials Division to test the strength of the concrete they made. Tours were conducted at the ODOT Sign Shop, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Will Rogers World Airport, and the Port of Catoosa. At the airport, the students were able to tour an unused runway and even the airport fire station where they saw the fire truck in action! At the Port of Catoosa, the students were able to hear about the history of the development and engineering of the port and take a complete tour including where the barges are loaded. On the final day

of camp the students were split up into groups and were asked to brainstorm ideas that would be beneficial to Oklahoma's transportation system. They presented their ideas to a panel and their peers in a "shark tank" style presentation. They were judged and the top three groups chosen. Go to [https://ok.gov/odot/Doing\\_Business/Civil\\_Rights/Title\\_VI:\\_National\\_Summer\\_Transportation\\_Institute\\_Program.html](https://ok.gov/odot/Doing_Business/Civil_Rights/Title_VI:_National_Summer_Transportation_Institute_Program.html) on our website to find out more information on the program and to see a video highlighting this year's camp.



## Civil Rights Certification and Compliance System (CRCC)

This is a friendly reminder that we have a new online software program called the "Civil Rights Certification and Compliance System (CRCC)". DBE certification along with maintenance of Certification ( Annual Affidavits ) are required through our online system. This system also provides online training to help your firm learn to use the system more effectively.

The Civil Rights Division has set up a profile for each certified DBE firm in the CRCC. We are in the process of uploading each firm's files for those firms that applied for certification prior to May 6, 2016, when the system went live. Training and tips on navigating the system can be found online at <https://okdot.gob2g.com> and on the Civil Rights information page

[www.odot.org](http://www.odot.org). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the CRCC help desk through the customer support link .



## New Employee for the Civil Rights Division



The new Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Coordinator is Mr. Kyle Stevens. He comes to us by way of the Bridge Division for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation where he was an Assistant Squad Supervisor. He has over 7 years of design and plan development experience with the Bridge Division.

As the ADA coordinator, Kyle is charged with developing policy and procedures to ensure ODOT's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, administering the agency Transition Plan, and addressing ADA complaints and inquiries. The ADA Coordinator will also provide

applicable training for the ODOT staff.

Mr. Stevens loves spending time with his wife Sarah and their dogs and is a member of the Department's soccer and basketball teams.

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### Our Mission

*To develop and administer civil rights programs in an equitable and innovative manner, while increasing awareness of equal opportunity for all stakeholders.*

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## Upcoming Events

View all Civil Rights Events at:  
[www.odot.org/dbeevent](http://www.odot.org/dbeevent)

**Professionalism and Tax Prep Training:**  
September 29, 2016

9:00am – 12pm

ODOT Training Center 1025 S.E. 59th  
Oklahoma City, OK

**TAP:**  
September 26-29, 2016

8:00am - 5:00pm

Stillwater, OK

**TAP:**  
October 25-29, 2016

8:00 am - 5:00pm

Tulsa , OK



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