



WRMSDC's Construction Day 2024: Beyond Blueprints: Building Diversity in Construction Supply Chains

February 21, 2024 Construction Day event focused on connecting diverse suppliers with the Utility/Infrastructure Companies, Builders, and Owner organizations funding building projects.

Oakland, CA - On February 21, 2024 at the Southeast Community Center in San Francisco, CA, the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC) hosted its annual Construction Day event. The event took place from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and included many diverse suppliers, corporate representatives, and public attendees from across the nation.

This year's Construction Day event opened with a General Session with words from the host, Donna Ruff, President/CEO of WRMSDC. Following the opening was rapid-fire opportunity sharing, along with a line-up of experts and education talks where corporate participants touched upon various topics. The "Access to Capital" segment was brought to you by Bank of America and presented by US Bank; "Business Growth" segment was brought to you and presented by Pacific Gas and Electric Company; the "Breaking Barriers: Women of Color in Construction" included speakers from Laner Electric and Harris Hoisting, both certified MBEs with the WRMSDC. Participating corporations for the opportunity sharing segment, brought to you by the California Department of General Services (DGS), included the following: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Swinerton, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), the California Department of General Services (DGS), and California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans). The General Session concluded with the presentation of WRMSDC's annual "All in Award," awarded to Webcor, with Sharla Sullivan accepting the award.

Following the General Session was the Networking Reception, which allowed attendees to network and unwind to hip tunes, great food, along with an open bar, hosted by Novo Construction. Several corporations and diverse suppliers set up resource tables in the Networking Reception to share opportunities and information with attendees. Resource table participants included: Swinerton, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Hathaway Dinwiddie, JP Morgan Chase, Webcor, US Bank, Renaissance Center, the California Department of General Services (DGS), San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Gilbane Building Company, Skanska, The Boldt Company, Dome Construction, McCarthy Building Companies, Alisto Engineering, iHealth 360, Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services, EverWatt Lighting, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and the California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans).

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