



Minority Supplier Institute

MSI is a non-profit organization committed to its mission of addressing the racial income and opportunity gap that blocks economic progress in Northwest Louisiana by helping the region's minority businesses grow and prosper.

A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings MSI members and supporters:

The Inner City Entrepreneur Institute (ICE) presented The Minority Supplier Institute with the Dr. Danny R. Wimberly, Sr. Award for commitment, dedication and service to minority businesses and outreach to the community. We are humbled and excited to be recognized by this organization. This award would not be possible without the support of our members, board, and sponsors. Thank you for your membership and continued support.



Jeffrey Thomas
Executive Director

We are now in the second half of the year. This is a good time to do the following:

- Consult your tax preparer to ensure that you are taking advantage of current and future tax strategies;
- Determine where you need to increase business development/sales/marketing efforts;
- Make sure you have the proper insurance and risk mitigation plans for your business; and,
- Keep licenses and certifications current.

Contact MSI if you need assistance in these areas. We are here to help.

Onward and Upward.



MSI Event - Lunch & Learn 3



August Brown Bag 3
Wednesday, August 31

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12:00 Noon

MSI Office

Doing Business with the City of Shreveport
Jimmy Jones & Rick Marc-Aurele

Topic: Trenchless Technology (Trenchless Sewer Line Replacement)

Get the latest update on the Water and Sewer Department's trenchless technology and upcoming bids. This update will include information for suppliers in the following industries: concrete, construction, electrical, engineering, fencing, hauling, landscaping, lodging, office supplies, painting, promotional products, printing, safety training, and telecommunications and media. Please attend this session if your industry is listed.

Mr. Jones and Dr. Marc-Aurele want to address your questions or specific topics. Therefore, they are asking that you email your concerns to [MSI](#) by Monday, August 29. This will allow for time to research your interests and ensure that you get the information you want.

[Shreveport Water and Sewerage](#)

[Reply YES to this email to confirm your reservation.](#)

Shreveport Fair Share

Are you FAIR SHARE certified? If not, complete and submit your certification application package today. The Fair Share program targets the small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) and is designed to "level the playing field" for these enterprises.



News

Bonding Assistance Program

LED's Bonding Assistance Program assists Louisiana contractors with gaining access to more contracting opportunities by issuing a guarantee up to \$100,000 or 25%, whichever is lesser, for bid, payment and performance bonds. The program can help those who are looking to secure their first bond, or those who are looking to incrementally increase their bonding capacity. To be eligible for the [Bonding Assistance Program](#), the business must be certified in LED's Small and Emerging Business Development (SEBD) Program.

Read more: [LED Bonding Assistance Program](#)
[Louisiana Bonding Opportunity Program](#)

Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Program

Six-week course for emerging construction companies to be offered throughout Louisiana

Governor John Bel Edwards and Louisiana Community and Technical College officials have announced an innovative program designed to help small construction companies grow and succeed. The program is called the **Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute**. Small and emerging construction companies will be able to learn the basics of the industry and prepare for state licensing exams.

“We are committed to supporting small businesses in Louisiana,” Gov. Edwards said. “This program is designed to help new and emerging businesses get in on the ground floor of Louisiana’s growing construction industry. If we can get more small contracting companies involved in our economy – creating jobs and doing good work and paying taxes – that will be wonderful for our state.”

The topics include but are not limited to:

- **Bid process; contract management; estimating; equipment management; scheduling; occupational safety; risk management; financial and business management; bonding and access to capital; certifications and available resources; entrepreneurship training**

For more information or to register for the upcoming course visit: [Louisiana Contractor Accreditation Institute](#)



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TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

Vendor / Supplier Registration Scheduled Projects

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Brother's Concrete & Hardscape Design, LLC ...
On the job!



Joe Nelson and Brother's Concrete & Hardscape Design, LLC are on the job on Looney Street.

Brother's Concrete & Hardscape Design, LLC has been serving the area for the last ten years with exceptional craftsmanship and topnotch quality. Owners Joe Nelson and Gary Harris bring their individual expertise to the business. Joe's specialty is in constructing outdoor spaces, while Gary's specialty is in designing outdoor spaces which results in beautiful landscapes and spectacular patios.

Their experiences and services include brick work, patios, outdoor spaces, gutters, driveways, curbs, streets, bridges, stamping, staining, iron works, highway construction, and drainage improvements.

Mission Statement:

To meet and exceed the expectations of our customers by providing a service or product with exceptional craftsmanship and topnotch quality at a fair price.

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***Infinity Tax & Accounting* on it's monthly newsletter!**

Coming in September



BEST: INTRO TO SMALL BUSINESS

Dates: September 6-15, 2016

(Tuesday and Thursday)

Time: 6:00-8:30 PM

Location: CoHab Foundation

500 Clyde Fant Pkwy. Ste. 200

Class 1: Introduction to Entrepreneurship

Class 2: Marketing

Class 3: Legal Issues/Permitting/Risk Management

Class 4: Financing Your Business

Cost: \$50.00

For more info: Darrin Dixon 318-670-9701/ddixon@susla.edu



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