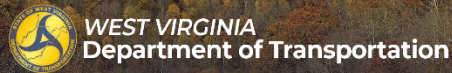


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## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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**Beckley, W.Va. (Dec. 15, 2023)** – The West Virginia Hive Network presented 10 awards to entrepreneurs and partners at its annual Open House and Awards Ceremony today at the Historic Black Knight Country Club.

Beckley Mayor Rob Rappold, who attended and offered remarks, declared December 15 “WV Hive Network Day” in recognition of “the commendable efforts and achievements of the WV Hive Network and NRGRDA in promoting entrepreneurship, fostering innovation, and contributing to the economic prosperity of our beloved city.” He called upon all citizens to join him in celebrating this occasion and continuing support of the endeavors of the WV Hive Network and NRGRDA as they strive to create a vibrant and flourishing community.

Rappold shared the proclamation with Jina Belcher, executive director of NRGRDA, and Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the NRGRDA.

Moore said competition was tight for the awards, which were judged by a panel of business, education and communications professionals.



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## Making Workers' Compensation Work Better for Your Workforce

A construction site can be a hive of activity. It's one reason why construction is one of the [most dangerous industries](#). According to the [2023 Travelers Injury Impact Report](#), the construction industry has the highest average of missed workdays per injury: 99. Construction employees are exposed to various hazards on the job. Injuries such as cuts, burns, sprains and strains can result in lost work time, reduced productivity, increased medical expenses and costly workers' compensation claims.

For minor injuries, a visit to a hospital emergency department may not be the best solution. And based on the time of day or location of a worksite, urgent care might not be an option. Many of these injury types can be treated virtually using telemedicine, a technology that allows health care providers to communicate with patients via video, phone or online platforms. Telemedicine visits can be conducted using an employee's smartphone or mobile device. Today's mobile device and smartphone features are sophisticated enough to offer an exceptional video and audio experience, and constant upgrades to these devices enable health care providers to effectively conduct medical evaluations virtually.

### TREATABLE CONDITIONS

Telemedicine can be used to treat a variety of minor injuries and illnesses that commonly occur on construction sites, such as:

**Minor strains (e.g., pulled muscles)**

**Minor sprains**

**Bruises/contusions**

**Tendonitis/repetitive-use injuries**

**Minor burns**

**Minor cuts and scrapes**

**Work-related rashes**

## About The WVDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on WVDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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