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NAMC CALL TO ACTION

NAMC, Intervenors, & Legal Team: Court Dismisses MAMCO Case, Ending the Injunction Against the DBE Program

Congratulations. They said it couldn't be done. . .

Washington, D.C. — The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) proudly recognizes a significant and positive development for Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (MWBs/DBEs) following the dismissal of the case *Mid-America Milling Company, LLC, et al. v. United States Department of Transportation, et al.*

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky dismissed the case, concluding the injunction no longer had jurisdiction under federal law. This judgment also settles the consent decree recommendation with no settlement between the government and the plaintiff, protecting the right of the DBE intervenors not to be considered.

This outcome effectively stands up to the legal challenge and represents an important moment for programs that support DBE participation across the country. **The goal was program elimination.**

The Court granted the motion to dismiss, denied remaining motions as moot, and dissolved the prior preliminary injunction—bringing closure to the case.

While the Court did not rule on the merits of the claims, its decision underscores the impact of recent federal actions that addressed the issues raised in the litigation.

NAMC views this dismissal as a meaningful and encouraging outcome for minority contractors and DBE-certified firms nationwide.



(Left to Right) Brooke Menschel, Democracy Forward, Senior Counsel; Wendell R. Stemley, NAMC, President; and Skye Perryman, Democracy Forward, President and CEO

Skye Perryman, President and CEO of Democracy Forward, was named to the 2025 TIME100 annual list of the most influential people in the world. She attended the NAMC National Conference in 2025 to recognize NAMC as being on the frontline, fighting for minority business rights to participate in government and private contracting programs. **NAMC President Wendell Stemley worked directly with Intervenors, Democracy Forward Sr. Counsel Brooke Menschel, and Adnan Pewrez on the case, as well as Sarah Von Der Lippe of the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (MBELDEF).**

Your support helped bring to life high-impact programming that elevated the voices of minority contractors and advanced critical conversations around diversity and inclusion in the construction and infrastructure industries. It preserves momentum for continued access to opportunity, participation in federally funded projects, and the advancement of equitable inclusion within the construction industry.

“This is a moment of recognition for the resilience and importance of MWBEs and DBEs across the country,” said Wendell Stemley. **“NAMC remains steadfast in its mission to ensure our members have access, opportunity, and a level playing field in the marketplace.”**

NAMC will continue to advocate for policies that strengthen and protect programs supporting minority contractors while working collaboratively with public and private partners to expand capacity and opportunity nationwide.

Please contact the national office with questions or comments.

Respectfully,

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