

# NEWSLETTER

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS WASHINGTON CHAPTER



The National Association of Minority Contractors of Washington (NAMC of WA.) is a nonprofit trade association that was established in 2010 to address the needs and concerns of minority contractors.

While membership is open to people of all races and ethnic backgrounds, the organization's mandate, "Building Bridges - Crossing Barriers," focuses on construction industry concerns common to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans.

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## NAMC-WA contributes to the passage of I-1000

NAMC-WA continues to collaborate with a diverse, statewide coalition of labor, business, religious and civil rights organizations to pass I-1000, which would reinstate some of the legal affirmative actions that were disallowed when I-200 was enacted. A historic statewide poll, conducted in 2018, showed there was support for reinstating some affirmative action efforts. The statistically relevant results reported a majority of Washington voters are:

- Familiar with Affirmative Action;
- Know that Affirmative Action is not preferential treatment; and
- Believe that Washington State should have an Affirmative Action law which provides equal opportunity for qualified women, veterans, the disabled and minorities; and
- Are ready to vote to put Affirmative Action back into law in Washington State.

The One Washington Equality Campaign, to which NAMC-WA contributed, is in the process of advocating for I-1000 in the current legislative session, which is due to close April 28, 2019. They are meeting with legislators every day urging them to vote for I-1000, which is the only initiative in Washington's 130-year state history to mobilize more than 395,000 signatures in its formative process.

Dr. Jesse Wineberry, Sr., JD, former state legislator and I-1000 Campaign Co-Chair, reports the vast majority of legislators they are meeting with enthusiastically support I-1000. We've asked Dr. Wineberry to give us a update at our General Membership Meeting in April.

## Sound Transit received proposals for Federal Way Link Extension Project

Sound Transit received proposals from three shortlisted firms to design and build the Federal Way Link Extension Project. This project, which will develop 7.8 miles of light rail from Angle Lake Station to Federal Way, includes at-grade as well as elevated structures and three stations. The competing firms are:

- AECOM-Aecon
- Fluor-Flatiron
- Kiewit & Parsons

Sound Transit is expected to choose the winning team this summer, after which final design will commence. Construction is expected to start in 2020. Numerous NAMC members have worked on Sound Transit projects over the years and are looking forward to participating on these new light rail extensions. NAMC Member, Jan Keiser, PE, JD, J. Keiser & Associates LLC, said, *“Our subcontract on Sound Transit’s E 320 Light Rail Project was the wind beneath our wings. We were able to hire more people, earn more revenue and build our technical capacity, which is what Sound Transit’s DBE program is all about. We are hoping for the same successful participation on other light rail projects.”*

## Home Depot provides discounts and rebates to NAMC members.

Home Depot, a National NAMC Corporate Partner presented a check to NAMC -National for over \$50,000 as part of the Home Depot Pro program. This program provides opportunities for participating organizations and their contractor members to earn discounts, rebates and other benefits. We’ll be bringing a Home Depot Representative to a NAMC-WA General Membership meeting soon to talk about the benefits of the Home Depot Pro Loyalty Program.

## Seattle Times Endorses I-1000 to Restore Affirmative Action

“Lawmakers from both houses should hold a joint hearing on I-1000 and approve the initiative instead of sending it to the people for a vote on the November ballot..”

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/editorials/pass-i-1000-to-restore-affirmative-action/>

## WSDOT partners with Sound Transit to expand small business mentoring program

WSDOT launched its Mentor-Protégé Program in July 2018 and numerous NAMC Members participated, as mentors and protégés. According to a WSDOT press release issued in February 2019, WSDOT Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar said WSDOT saw “...[A] positive response from the firms participating in the program, with more than 80 percent being satisfied or very satisfied...”. NAMC Member, Eugene Hardin III, Quality Woodworking & Construction, said, “We had Clark Construction for our mentor and the partnership has been very good for us.”

Sound Transit is now joining WSDOT’s efforts. The program, which is being rebranded as the Capacity Building Mentorship Program, will expand starting Spring 2019 and will focus on construction and transportation firms. It is designed to foster partnerships among successful large enterprises (mentors) and emerging small and diverse businesses (protégés). The program is intended to provide opportunities for participants to improve their business practices, grow their firms and develop relationships with other companies.

## Opportunities to Bid:

**A: Lynnwood Link Skanska Constructors L300** Bids Due: April 11, 2019 3:00pm

Scopes Available: Various bid packages including: OCS Foundations; Painting; Trackwork; Elevators & Escalators; Flatwork/hardscape; Asphalt Paving; Chain Link Fence; guideway Electrical; concrete Pavement; Rebar – Stations & Garage; Fire Suppression – Station & Garage; Plumbing & HVAC – Station & Garage; Electrical – Station & Garage; Environmental Mitigation; Landscaping – Corridor; Landscaping – Stations & Garage; Drilled Shafts; Rebar & PT Guideway; Soil Nail Walls; Site Electrical; Site Sewer & Water; Soldier Pile Walls; Signs & Striping; Ground Improvement; Fire Protection Standpipe; Rebar – Walls; Guideway Fall & Fall Protection; Waterproofing Ballast Bridge & Transition Slabs.

Contact: Dan Leachman at dan.leachman@skanska.com or Ben Lamb ben.lamb@skanska.com

### **B: Downtown Redmond Link Design-Build Project**

The three teams shortlisted by Sound Transit will submit proposals on April 22, 2019 to design and construct the Downtown Redmond Link Extension Project, the next segment of the agency's East Link Program. The project includes 3.4 miles of light rail with two new stations and parking for 1400 vehicles. The submitting teams are:

Kiewit-Hoffman Redmond Link Constructors Contact: Dennis Ahl 253-943-4070

Stacy and Witbeck/Kuney JV Contact: Henry Yates 206-669-2084

Graham-SNC [Lavalin] Transit Partners, a J.V. Contact: 425-691-3591

### **C: I-405 Renton to Bellevue Project (a WSDOT heavy highway project)**

Graham Contracting Ltd. is looking for subcontractors to join its team!

**Scopes include:** Survey, Demolition, Concrete Reinforcing, PCCP, Concrete Barrier, Trucking, Structural Steel, Metal Fabrications, Metal Doors, Frames and Finish Hardware, Signage, Drilled Shaft Foundations, MSE Walls, Pavement Markings, Landscaping, Utilities, Fencing, Painting, Guardrail, Traffic Control, Sweeping, TESC, Retaining Walls, Concrete Supply, HMA Paving, Potholing, Concrete Flatwork, Concrete Pumping, Grading & Excavation.

**Contacts:** Eric VanHemert, Chief Estimator: washingtonbids@grahamus.com  
Lana Magnan, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator: diversity@grahamus.com

### **D: City of Federal Way on-call Architectural/Engineering services** Bids due: July 1, 2019

The City of Federal Way is soliciting SOQ from A/E firms interested in providing professional services for the city's capital program for 2019 – 2021. The SOQ can be found on the City's website – <https://www.cityoffederalway.com/bids/ae-professional-services-2019-2021-capital-projects>

A pre-proposal meeting will be held April 11 at 1:30 PM at the Federal Way City Hall Council Chambers, 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way. Proposals are due April 26, 3:00 PM.

## WSDOT creates new alternative financing options for small businesses.

WSDOT recently announced a partnership with Washington state-based credit unions that is intended to help firms participating in WSDOT's mentor-protégé program, now renamed the Capacity Building Mentorship Program, access capital. According to WSDOT, Business Impact NW will administer the loans and the total loan value that will be available is \$750,000. Stay tuned to future NAMC-WA Newsletters as we explore and report on the underwriting criteria and practical accessibility of this program. Members can network with them.

## NAMC WA Seeking Committee Members

Want to work with some fun people to make a difference? NAMC is seeking volunteers for several committees:

- A. **Marketing Committee** – will develop strategies for building NAMC's presence in the construction industry, including its social media presence, a monthly newsletter, events and more.
- B. **A/E Committee** – will focus on strategies to help promote and build the capacity of NAMC members engaged in the engineering and architectural professions.
- C. **Industry Input Committee** – will advise NAMC on strategies to build organizational capacity to promote NAMC members.

If you are a NAMC member and interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact Young Sang Song, at [y.song@songconsultingllc.com](mailto:y.song@songconsultingllc.com)

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

First Thursday of each month. 6:00pm–8:00pm

Tukwila Community Center  
12424 42nd Ave S.  
Tukwila, WA 98168

## Graham is Committed to Inclusion on SR 520

Graham, WSDOT's design-build contractor for the SR 520 Project, has engaged NAMC member/MWDBE Darling Nava and MWBE Suzanne Arkle to provide diversity and inclusion services. They are recruiting MSVWBE firms to participate in upcoming bid packages, by tapping into a wide range of community partners, including PTAC, Economic Alliance, MBDA, Tabor 100, NAMC and others.



## Board of Directors:

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