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8th Annual GDOT/CEI Small Business Forum Highlights Opportunities for Growth and Collaboration

On November 3rd, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), with its federally funded Supportive Services consultant, CEI hosted the 8th Annual Small Business Forum. The Forum event, held in Sandy Springs, brought together over 170 representatives from small businesses as participants, vendors and exhibitors from across the state. The event served as a dynamic platform for networking, education, and fostering partnerships between GDOT and the small business community.

The forum commenced with Kimberly King, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Director, introducing GDOT Commissioner Russell R. McMurry, P.E., who delivered inspiring and informative remarks on the future of small business engagement with GDOT. His message emphasized the department's continuing commitment to expanding opportunities and strengthening collaboration for existing and newly introduced diverse business partners. Additional insights were shared by Stacey Key, GDOT State Transportation Board Member representing the mighty 5th Congressional District. Ms. Key reinforced the importance of small businesses in Georgia's transportation infrastructure.

A key highlight of the event was a panel discussion featuring Kimberly King and Julian Andrea Bailey, Diversity Manager at the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). The discussion explored how GDOT and DOAS work together to support small businesses in Georgia, emphasizing supplier diversity and offering practical guidance on navigating state procurement processes and leveraging available resources.

Beyond the sessions, attendees had the opportunity to engage with exhibits from state agencies, county representatives, and subcontractors, as well as participate in informational workshops focused on upcoming projects and strategies for working effectively with GDOT.

The forum underscored GDOT's ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive business environment and ensuring that small businesses play a vital role in Georgia's transportation infrastructure continuing to make Georgia the #1 place to do business well into the future.

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