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“Can You Dig it?” session to outline \$250 million in MSD projects for 2017

MSD Procurement and Supplier Diversity will host session for contractors, engineers, goods and service providers

Louisville MSD will host its second annual “Can You Dig It?” outreach session to educate potential contractors, engineers as well as goods and services providers, on \$250 million worth of capital construction projects and other contract opportunities planned for 2017.

Such projects include the \$142 million, 2.5-mile-long Ohio River Tunnel Project that will run 200 feet underneath I-64 downtown, as well as \$125 million in three combined sewage overflow (CSO) storage basins. These storage basins include the Shawnee Park Basin, I-64 and Grinstead Basin, and the Portland Basin.

Other projects to be discussed will include sewer rehabilitation design and construction, drainage improvement projects, professional service contracts, and various goods and services. MSD actively seeks to partner with minority and women-owned businesses.

WHAT:

Can You Dig It? outreach session for contractors, engineers, goods and service providers

WHEN:

Thursday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m. – noon

WHO:

Tony Parrott, Executive Director, MSD

René Thomas, Director of Procurement and Supplier Diversity, MSD

John Loechle, Engineering Director, MSD

Contractors, engineers, goods and services provider attendees

WHERE:

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

1701 W Muhammad Ali Blvd.

Louisville, KY 40203

Parking available on first come, first served at 18th Street and Muhammad Ali Blvd.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Photo/Video of Speakers
Interviews with Speakers
Photo/Video of Attendees

MORE:

As one of the community's economic engines, MSD supports more than 2,300 jobs annually.

In addition to the \$250 million in 2017 projects, MSD recently completed an extensive analysis of the wastewater, stormwater and flood protection systems that protect the community. MSD's Critical Repair & Reinvestment Plan identifies the critical needs in these areas and the solutions to address them. However, the solutions come with a large price tag—\$4.3 billion over the next 20 years, including almost \$500 million to finish the remaining federal Consent Decree obligations for managing sewer overflows.

Recognizing the magnitude of the impact on ratepayers and the community, MSD is embarking on a wide-reaching community conversation regarding the plan. Interested citizens can review the Critical Repair & Reinvestment Plan through March 1, 2017 at any Louisville library branch or on MSD's website at www.LouisvilleMSD.org/CriticalRepairPlan.

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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 600 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.