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Making a positive impact on the communities we serve through our large-scale projects

Community Benefits \$7 million milestone and 10th anniversary of “Can You Dig It?” opportunities for MSD contractors in 2025

LOUISVILLE, KY — Louisville MSD’s Community Benefits Program has reached an impressive milestone of \$7 million in donations, supporting projects in MSD service areas of Jefferson, Bullitt and Oldham counties. To celebrate this achievement, MSD will host a Community Benefits Recognition event to honor the participants of the program on Thursday, January 16.

“MSD is committed to creating a positive impact in the communities we serve,” states MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott. “Through our Community Benefits Program, MSD is ensuring that ratepayers benefit in more ways than one from our large-scale infrastructure projects.”

“MSD vendors (contractor/firm) are invited to donate either financially or through their time to local non-profits and schools for initiatives such as workforce development, neighborhood revitalization such as park improvements, small business outreach and mentorship, or introducing youth to careers in the water sector,” says Sharise Horne MSD Chief of Equity and Community Partnerships.

10th Anniversary of “Can you Dig It?”

Additionally, MSD will host its tenth annual “Can You Dig It?” outreach session to educate potential contractors, engineers, as well as goods and services providers, on \$117 million worth of capital construction projects and other contract opportunities planned for 2025 and beyond.

“MSD seeks to partner with minority- and women-owned businesses through our Supplier Diversity Program for construction, professional, and goods and services contracts. We hope to provide an opportunity to qualified businesses and, by doing so, to help close the wealth gap in our community,” states MSD Chief Procurement Officer Rene’ Lindsay.

WHAT: (double event)

- Community Benefits Program Recognition: reaching the \$7 million donation milestone (8:30 AM)
- Can You Dig It? outreach session for contractors, engineers, goods and services providers (10:00 AM)

WHEN:

Thursday, January 16

- Community Benefits Recognition/Speakers, 8:30 AM
- Can You Dig It? Begins at 10 AM, Speakers at 11 AM

WHO:

Community Benefits Recognition/Speakers, 8:30 AM

- Sharise Horne, MSD Chief of Equity and Community Partnerships
- Tony Parrott, MSD Executive Director
- Jacqueline Coleman, Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky
- Gerald Neal, Kentucky State Senator
- Amy Washburn, District Director Congressman McGarvey, Kentucky Third District
- David Johnson, MSD Chief Engineer
- Erin Wagoner, MSD Community Benefits Manager
- Shelby Wilson, MSD Community Benefits Administrator
- Michael Bailey, Ulliman Schutte Senior Project Manager
- David Hafner, Brown and Caldwell Louisville Office Lead and Client Service Manager
- Dr. Marty Pollio, Superintendent, JCPS
- Rob Locke, CEO Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville

Can You Dig It? Speakers, 11 AM

- Rene´ Lindsay, MSD Chief Procurement Officer
- Tony Parrott, Executive Director, MSD
- John Loechle, MSD Engineering Technical Services Director
- Larry Bryant, Louisville Water Production and Operations and Chief Engineer

WHERE:

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage
1701 W Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40203
Parking is available at 18th Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard

OPPORTUNITIES:

Photos/video of speakers
Interviews with speakers and attendees

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 nearly 740 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro, and wastewater service in portions of Bullitt and Oldham counties. 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.