

# Minority and Women Business Contractor Training Program graduates its second class (continued)

The class is the second to graduate in the program's two years under the guidance of Marilyn Clark, the minority business enterprise liaison in the Division of Central Purchasing. There were 13 graduates in the first year of the program.

Mayor Jim Gray spoke to the graduating class, noting that small businesses like those enrolled in the program fuel America's economy. "When small business owners are successful, they give back to the community in many ways. They hire new employees, they give to local charities, they become community leaders and they inspire a new generation of entrepreneurs who want to follow in their footsteps," the Mayor noted.

Several businesses from the class of 2011 found work with the LFUCG, including USA Lawns. One of the government's construction supervisors praised the company, saying that they met time constraints and the quality of their work exceeded expectations.

Several members of the 2012 class have found or are finding work with the government or program sponsors, including G&G Paving, Five D Enterprise, SAKS Art Gallery, Fayette Window Cleaning and Advance Electric Service.

In addition to LFUCG, sponsors include Kentucky's Small Business Development Center, Bluegrass Airport, Messer Construction Co., BEX Construction, Fayette County Public Schools and the University of Kentucky's Division of Facilities Management.

The participants in the Minority and Women Contractor Training Program for 2012 and their companies are: Abbie Jones, Abbie Jones Consulting, a land survey and civil engineering firm; Brian Bennett, Bennett Construction, construction, maintenance and building repair; Carlos R. Hernandez, JABA Construction LLC, metal framing and dry wall and acoustical ceiling installation; Christine Williams,

Advance Electric Services, electrical contracting; Emmanuel Smith, TAS Development, painting, plumbing, drywall and concrete work; Hanna Lawrence, H.K. Locates, LLC, sewer rehabilitation; Leslie Nichols, International Contracting Group, general contractor; Mahesh J. Gosalia, MG and Associates, water and wastewater treatment for construction projects; Martha Stone, N. H. Stone Inc., highway contractor; Marvin Gateskill, G&G Paving and Contracting, parking lot and driveway paving for commercial and residential clients; Michael Stuart, Fayette Window Cleaning, window cleaning, pressure washing and gutter cleaning; Mona Lahner, Canterbury Enterprises, window treatments; Paula Davis, Five D Enterprise, electrical contractor; Scherer D. Boyd, SAKS Art Gallery and Interior Design, art framing and interior design; Tori C. Oberhausen, Engineered Solutions Inc., engineering consultants; and Vicki Curry, N. H. Stone Inc., highway contractor.

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