

#### **WISDOT COVID 19 INFORMATION**

THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY COMPLIANCE (OBOEC) is committed to developing DBE firm capacity and sustainability. In this issue, OBOEC will recap and highlight how the WisDOT DBE program is evolving to meet the challenges faced by highway contractors and DBE firms. In 2019, WisDOT introduced a new contracting program, Design-Build Program. If you are interested in learning how DBEs can participate in WisDOT's alternative contracting process and its upcoming projects, click here.

Since January 2021, bidders are required to submit their DBE commitments at time of bid. This change led to other website developments to better assist bidders and subcontractors who submit quotes to primes. To locate certified DBE firms, we introduced the integrated map that provides basic information on all DBE firms listed in the UCP Directory. We also provided tips for making your bid responsive, a three-page document created to make it easy for any contractor submitting bids on WisDOT highway projects to understand the bid submission process, with and without DBE goals.

We are excited to announce our many DBE resources are now more easily accessible and more information is available! The new <u>WisDOT DBE Support Services</u> webpage provides access to information on Management and Technical Assistance, Business Growth and Development, and Skill Development. You will find information on the WisDOT <u>Loan Mobilization Guaranty</u> and <u>Mentor Protégé</u> programs. To participate in any of

these programs or receive one-on-one consultation from DBE Technical Support consultants, a DBE firm must have a completed <u>Capacity Building Business Assessment</u> (CBBA) on file. To view technical trainings from the March 2022 Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit click <u>here</u>. To get your business headed in the right direction, the DBE Program recommends the following business development workshops for new start-ups:

- Build Your Brand and Stand Out!
- Cyber Security | It Is Not Optional Anymore
- Toward Ethical Practices
- Business Insurance, Bonding, and Developing a Safety Program
- Business Capacity Building Technical Assistance:
   Strengthening the Ready, Willing and Able
   Status of DBE Contractors and Qualifications for Accessing Credit

Lastly, from 2020-2022, OBOEC provided oversight to eight Mentor Protégé pairs in construction. Each mentor and/or protégé in attendance at the Secretary's Golden Shovel Awards luncheon was recognized and congratulated by Secretary Craig Thompson with a WisDOT Certificate of Participation. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or protégé please contact Benjie Hayek, Oneida Engineering Solutions, (414) 607-6799 or benjie.hayek@dot.wi.gov. We are currently recruiting for 2022-2023.

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## Mentor Protégé Program Spotlights

## A MENTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Scott Westenberger, Vice President, Pheifer Brothers

In an interview with Scott Westenberger, Vice President, Pheifer Brothers, Scott stated that Pheifer has been a mentoring company long before formally joining the WisDOT Mentor Protégé program. Scott started with Pheifer in 1992. Hired as a field laborer Scott completed the Carpentry Apprenticeship program through the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Associated Builders and Contractors. He was quickly promoted to foreman. In 2001, Scott was promoted to Supervisor and in 2017 was promoted to Vice President. Scott believes an effective mentor will have, "good communication and an open mind; and that mentoring is critical not just in construction but in society." Scott stated that surviving in this industry is one thing, but to thrive is another. If companies don't come together and share ideas, and secrets of the trade it will be harder to grow. Scott also said, "... understanding what the protégé is looking to gain from the mentor, and how it may apply to their line of work is helpful in creating an effective Mentor-Protégé work plan and relationship". When asked about the greatest benefit of having a protégé Scott adds, "personally, giving back or paying it forward is the greatest benefit of all... everyone has been mentored in at some point in their life."



Protégé Quinn Long, Clearcut Solutions (left) and Mentor Tim Groeschel, Controller, Pheifer Brothers

## A PROTÉGÉ'S PERSPECTIVE

Karen Krueger, CEO, M & J Krueger Trucking, LLC

In an interview with Karen Krueger, owner of M&J Krueger Trucking, a DBE trucking company and protégé to Patti Schleicher-Rice of R.G. Huston Company, Karen stated that, "... putting a plan into action is important; having good people skills and communication along with a vast knowledge of the industry comes second to none. The key is to feel comfortable enough to trust your mentor; to know that no question is a dumb question." We asked what has been the greatest benefit of having a mentor. Karen responded that being able to connect with someone who makes her feel comfortable enough to bounce ideas off when working out problems and asking questions that can take you company to the next level. She ended the interview by noting that building a good rapport with her mentor was critical to the success of their relationship.



Protégé Karen Krueger, M&J Krueger Trucking (left) and Mentor Patti Schleicher-Rice, R.G. Huston Company

## WisDOT DBE Goal Summary Report FFY 2022

#### **OVERALL DBE ANNUAL GOAL - 12.41%**

#### **OVERALL CONSULTANT AND CONSTRUCTION ACHIEVEMENTS**

Overall Federal Funds: \$694,056,359

Overall DBE Goal Committed: \$90,587,518

Overall DBE Goal Percent: 13.05%

Conscious Attainment (construction only): 8.23%

Neutral Attainment: 4.82%

#### DBE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (October 2021 - April 2022)

Federal Funds: \$618,632,377

Assigned DBE Goal: \$58,323,929

DBE Goal Committed at BID: \$60,461,912

Committed after Contract Execution: \$12,595,652

# Approved Contracts: 208

# Approved GFE: 35

#### DBE CONSULTANT CONTRACTS (October 2021 - March 2022)

Federal Funds: \$128,600,982

Assigned DBE Goal: \$740,000

DBE Goal Committed: \$17,529,954

#### 2023 – 2025 PROPOSED TRANSIT DBE GOAL

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Part 26, announces its (3) three-year transit DBE goal of 1.61% for the period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2025.

The goal is for DBE participation on contracts assisted by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded by WisDOT and its subrecipients.

The proposed goal and its rationale are available for public review, inspection, and comment during normal business hours until Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The final FFY 2023-2025 WisDOT transit DBE goal will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration by August 1, 2022.

#### **COMMENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

#### **BECKY SODERHOLM** | Compliance Manager

WI Department of Transportation 4822 Madison Yards Way, 6th Floor South Madison, WI 53705 (608) 266-1650 Becky.soderholm@dot.wi.gov

For more information, visit the WisDOT Transit website at **Transit Grant Assistance Programs.** 

# Unified Certification Program (UCP) Newly Certified DBE Firms | February 2022 - May 2022

#### **WISDOT**

#### **American Erosion**

Donna Kuda Minooka, IL 60447 844) 225-8339 donna@AECSProducts.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/28/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Building Construction Products) NAICS CODE: 424930 - Nursery, Garden Center, and Farm Supply Stores

#### Annseal, Inc.

Nancy O'Brien Johnson City, NY 13790 (607) 797-3737 nobrien@annseal.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/22/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway

Construction (Crack Sealing)

NAICS CODE: 237310 - Highway, Street, and

Bridge Construction

## Bel Technology Solutions, LLC dba Good Life Media Productions

Belvie Foster Chicago, IL 60690 (773) 638-1235

Bel@GoodLifeMediaProductions.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/11/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Media Services (Film

& Television Production)

NAICS CODE: 512110 - Motion Picture and

Video Production

#### Carrington Trucking, LLC

Andre Carrington Milwaukee, WI 53223 (262) 399-6518

carringtontruck28@gmail.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/28/2022** 

**HOME REGION:** SE

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Dump Trucking **NAICS CODE:** 484220 - Specialized Freight (Except Used Goods) Trucking, Local

#### Costing Services Group, Inc.

Anita Greiner Atlanta, GA 30309 (404) 815-9555

anita@costingservicesgroup.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/11/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services

(Exterior Building Design)

NAICS CODE: 541350 - Building Inspection

Services

#### **Diverse Industrial Solutions, LLC**

Rochelle Johnson Clarksburg, PA 15725 (724) 388-0154 DiverseSol@outlook.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 4/19/2022
HOME REGION: Non-WI
WORK CLASSIFICATION: Building
Construction (Maintenance)
NAICS CODE: 238290 - Other Building

Equipment Contractors - Millwrights

#### Five Star Rebar, LLC

Cedric Murphy Milwaukee, WI 53208 (920) 427-4320

CERTIFICATE DATE: 4/20/2022

HOME REGION: SE

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Rebar Installation)
NAICS CODE: 238120 - Structural Steel and

Precast Concrete Contractors

#### Fobbs Quality Sign, LLC

James Fobbs North Chesterfield, VA 23234 (804) 743-2091 fobbsqualitysigns@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/11/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Traffic Control)
NAICS CODE: 423440 - Electrical signs

merchant wholesalers

#### Hallberg Engineering, Inc.

Richard Lucio

White Bear Lake, MN 55124

(651) 748-1100

rlucio@hallbergengineering.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/7/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Engineering Design)

NAICS CODE: 541330 - Engineering

Services

#### Heritage Services, LLC

Lora Radke Cambellsport, WI 53010 (262) 483-2753 lora@heritageservices.us

CERTIFICATE DATE: 4/19/2022

HOME REGION: NE

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Fire protection consulting, installation, inspection, and

repairs

NAICS CODE: 561621 - Security Systems

Services (except Locksmiths)

#### Innleadair, LLC

Peter Stephenson Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (847) 534-8454 peter.stephenson@innleadair.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/28/2022

HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services

(Engineering Design)

NAICS CODE: 541330 - Engineering Services

#### J&L Kroll Enterprise, LLC

Lisa Madell Redgranite, WI 54970 (920) 229-0615 jlkroll@hotmail.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/18/2022

HOME REGION: NC

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Incidental Construction (Landscaping) **NAICS CODE:** 561730 - Landscaping

Services

## **Unified Certification Program (UCP)** Newly Certified DBE Firms | February 2022 - May 2022

#### WISDOT CONTINUED

#### Mavo Systems Wisconsin, LLC

Artic Slope Regional Corporation Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 849-9754 gretl.pineda@asrcindustrial.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/28/2022** 

HOME REGION: NC

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Building

Construction

NAICS CODE: 238110 - Poured Concrete Foundation and Structure Contractors

#### MC Technology Consulting, LLC

Baocheng Liu Minnetonka, MN 55345 (818) 860-8772 Michael.mctech@gmail.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE:** 4/19/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Human Resources)

NAICS CODE: 541690 - Temporary Help

Services

#### N.H. Construction, LLC

Nicolas Hawthorne Milwaukee, WI 53209 (414) 323-3341 nic.hroadsolutions@gmail.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/30/2022** 

**HOME REGION: SE** 

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Concrete Cutting/Drilling/

Sealant/Sawing)

NAICS CODE: 238990 - All Other Specialty

Trade Contractors

#### **Nationwide Fleet Installations**

Salome Brittingham El Paso, TX 79925 (915) 591-9506

sbrittingham@nfinstalls.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE:** 3/30/2022 HOME REGION: Non-WI

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Non-Highway

**Electrical Contractor** 

NAICS CODE: 238210 - Electrical contractors

#### On Call Pavement Sweeping, Inc.

Laura Miller Anoka, MN 55303 (612) 709-8578

oncallsweepingoffice@gmail.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/11/2022** HOME REGION: Non-WI WORK CLASSIFICATION: Road and

Construction Sweeping

NAICS CODE: 237310 - Highway, Street, and

**Bridge Construction** 

#### Professional Engineering Services, Ltd.

Ann Johnson Steward St. Louis Park, MN 55416 (952) 456-6707

ann.johnson@peservicesmn.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/14/2022 HOME REGION:** Non-WI

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Engineering Design)

NAICS CODE: 541330 - Engineering Services

#### **Thomas Real Estate Appraisal** Consultants

Otis Thomas Madison, WI 53718 608) 244-6034 otis\_thomas@sbcglobal.net

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/21/2022** 

**HOME REGION:** SW

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Real Estate)

NAICS CODE: 531320 - Appraisal services,

real estate

#### **Utilities Conservation Company, LLC**

April Jolma Marengo, WI 54855 (715) 292-0436 (715) 492-0204 april@ucc-llc.us

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/19/2022** 

HOME REGION: NW

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Incidental Construction (Landscaping) NAICS CODE: 561730 - Landscaping

Services

#### Virginkar & Associates, Inc.

Hong Jiang Fullerton, CA 92831 (714) 993-1000 qin.james@va-inc.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 5/11/2022 **HOME REGION:** Non-WI

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Urban Planning)

NAICS CODE: 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management

Consulting Services



#### Z Companies, Inc. dba Zan Associates

Joy Miciano Minneapolis, MN 55401 (612) 354-2101 jmiciano@zanassoc.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/14/2022 HOME REGION:** Non-WI

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Professional Services

(Marketing/Advertising/PR)

NAICS CODE: 541820 - Public Relations

Agencies

# Unified Certification Program (UCP) Newly Certified DBE Firms | February 2022 - May 2022

#### MILWAUKEE COUNTY

## **Brothers Infrastructure Group Construction LLC**

Tyrone Johnson Milwaukee, W 53208 (414) 334-0160 tyrone@bigunderground.com

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CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/28/2022

**HOME REGION: SE** 

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Building Construction (New Construction) NAICS CODE: 236115 - Cottage Construction General Contractors

## Florida Cleaning Systems, Inc. DBA FCS Facility Services

Giovanna Barrios Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 (407) 268-4035 certs@fcsfacilityservices.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE:** 2/02/2022 **HOME REGION:** Non-SE

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Janitorial Services **NAICS CODE:** 561720 - Janitorial Services

#### Herbe Landscaping LLC

Randy Owens Glendale, WI 53217 (414) 975-4960 herbelandscaping@gmail.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 1/28/2022

**HOME REGION: SE** 

WORK CLASSIFICATION: Incidental Construction (Landscaping) NAICS CODE: 561730 - Landscaping (fertilizing, mowing,seeding,spraying)

#### **Miller Mile Logistics**

Tashonda Rhymes Brown Deer, WI 53223 (414) 274-9332 millermiletr@gmail.com

**CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/03/2022** 

**HOME REGION: SE** 

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Freight Trucking **NAICS CODE:** 484122 - General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Less than a

truckload



#### **NJK Trucking**

Norman Kitchenakow Milwaukee, WI 53219 (414) 750-7798 nkitchenakow@yahoo.com

nkitchenakow@yanoo.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/29/2022

HOME REGION: SE

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Dump Trucking **NAICS CODE:** 484220 - Specialized Freight (Except Used Goods) Trucking, Local

#### Postorino Decorating Inc.

Sara Gulotta Sturtevant, WI 53177 (262) 633-7805 (262) 770-0224 sara@postorinocf.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 3/21/2022

**HOME REGION**: SE

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Building Construction (Painting)

NAICS CODE: 4238320 - Painting (except

roof) contractors

#### Shay's Cleaning Service

Courtney Boston Kenosha, WI 53143 (262) 620-5652 (262) 818-3058

courtney28boston@yahoo.com

CERTIFICATE DATE: 2/21/2022

**HOME REGION: SE** 

**WORK CLASSIFICATION:** Commercial &

Residential Cleaning

NAICS CODE: 561720 - Building cleaning

services, interior

## **Transportation Alliance for New Solutions (TrANS)**

For over 30 years the Transportation Alliance for New Solutions or TrANS Program, developed, funded, and managed by Wisconsin DOT, has consistently connected under-utilized populations with employers in the transportation sector and has the results to support that claim.

TrANS Providers, WRTP/Big Step and Forward Service Corporation reported results from their 2021 benchmarks as shown in the table below. WisDOT's primary goal for both agencies is to create a pipeline of entry level workers for the highway construction industry; increase employment opportunities and access for women and minorities in road construction; and guide graduates to construction careers that includes construction apprenticeships, construction management, and entrepreneurship.

Their combined efforts resulted in 169 diverse trainees to include 17 women, and their hybrid approach to training produced 87 TrANS Graduates. WRTP and Forward Service are committed to interacting with construction professionals to place their past and recent graduates on road construction projects. In 2021 their efforts resulted in 132 new hires and multiple rehires in entry level to pre-apprenticeship to management level positions in the construction industry.

For a more personal look at the stories of individuals that have benefited from the TrANS Program, please read the individual success stories of program participants, Doris and Margaret from Forward Services and WRTP/BIG STEP graduate Terellus Bolton. As millennials might say, these are the receipts showing the program works.

These results form a foundation to grow an industry of productive workers to take on the infrastructure work planned for the upcoming construction seasons. To schedule an interview with a TrANS graduate, contact a TrANS Coordinator in their designated regions:

JACOB WALTON | SE Region TrANS Coordinator (414) 342-9787 or jwalton@wrtp.org

RANARD MORRIS | NE Region TrANS Coordinator (920) 292-1332 or rmorris@fsc.corp.org

**LORI THOMPSON** | **SW Region TrANS Coordinator** (608) 216-7626 or lthompson@fsc.corp.org

Participants Demographics	WRTP/Big Step (SE Region)	Forward Service (SW Region)	Forward Service (NE Region)
African American	32 ( 3 women)	28	23
Caucasian	9 (2 women)	17 (11 women)	9 (1 woman)
Hispanic	10	4	3
Native American	0	0	19
Asian / Pacific Islander	1	0	0
Two or More Ethnicities	10	2	2
Active Participation			
Number of Trainings	6	5	4
Enrollments	62	51	56
TrANS Graduates	43	21	23
DWD Pre-Apprenticeship Certificates	43	13	7
Pass Pre-Apprenticeship Aptitude Test	26	21	23
New Hire Placements in Entry Level Construction- Related Positions	24	52	56
Placed in Non-Construction Positions	13	0	8

## WRTP | BIG STEP

# SUCCESS STORY: TERELLUS

As a young man, Terellus Bolton watched his father work hard to support him and his family. Terellus knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps, but he got into trouble at an early age and had to pay for it. Returning home after his stint with the justice system, he jumped from job to job but never felt he was living up to his true potential or his father's example. Terellus reached out to another family member for help getting into the trades, but his past mistakes proved to be a barrier.

Finally, Terellus ran into good friend and SE WRTP | BIG STEP graduate Charnele Evans, who offered to introduce him to Amber Walczak, the SE WRTP | BIG STEP program coordinator. He enrolled in the training program in May 2021, graduated in June, and in September began working for Walbec Construction as a laborer apprentice making \$25.75 an hour. He says "The rest is history," but we say it's history in the making: he intends to complete his apprenticeship, become a journeyman, and one day become a heavy equipment operator.



## **SW TrANS**

# SUCCESS STORY: MARGARET

Finding work was difficult because of my background. When I did, it was for low wages and with no future. I couldn't support myself until I was able to find stable employment through TrANS.

When Lorie, SW TrANS Coordinator, contacted me about the Golden Shovel Awards, I was intrigued. She explained that it was a great opportunity to meet contractors. I wanted that. I wanted more



opportunities. One of the workshops I attended was creating an elevator speech. I used my existing speech I developed in TrANS class and polished it up. Prior to the luncheon Michele Carter asked for volunteers to share their speech in front of the Golden Shovel lunch attendees. I felt confident enough to stand up and speak and I won! The group liked my elevator speech the best, and I won a neon road construction jacket. That wasn't the end of it. During the networking session, I met a lot of contractors and was hopeful I could find new employment. This is where I met Bruce Spann of Spann Consulting. Mr. Spann asked me, "Are you sure you want to be a Heavy Equipment Operator?". Since my TrANS training I saw myself as heavy equipment operator, so I asked Mr. Spann, "Do you have something better to offer?". Mr. Spann explained his construction management business and his affiliation to WisDOT. After discussing my background and struggles with Bruce, my work ethic and drive to succeed, he offered me a position with his consulting firm, as a DOT inspector. I'm not an Operator but I'm working steady, earning a livable wage.

Through TrANS I learned how to follow directions and how to get things done safely; now I'm learning the "why" things are done. I'm learning about the specifics and it's great! Nothing is ever the same during a DOT inspection. Working for Spann Consulting every project is different, so every day is different. I can't believe what I am doing. I'm working on the Interstate 43 project. I'm work by myself and at night. I'm the one in charge, giving the orders, making the decisions with state troopers and workers."

It's an honor to work for Spann Consulting and to have Mr. Spann as my mentor who taught me what I needed to know to become a DOT Inspector. I'm absorbing everything every day. When I started TrANS my focus was purely to make the most money I can. Now my focus has changed since TrANS introduced me to highway construction. Now I have a career to develop and a future with no restraints which makes we happy and proud. Thanks TrANS!

## **NE TrANS**

# SUCCESS STORY: DORIS

After surviving domestic violence and homelessness, I made a vow to myself that I would never be homeless again. At the end of 2017, I felt I needed a change, but I wasn't exactly sure what I wanted to do until two past TrANS graduates, Dan and Tia, told me about the TrANS program. I knew they were doing quite well for themselves and wanted similar outcomes for me and my family. I interviewed for the next class and was thrilled to get accepted. I didn't know what I was getting myself into but was excited about the opportunities the class offered. In the Spring of 2018, I graduated 2nd in my class, enrolled in the Fox Valley Technical College CDL



class, and secured a job as a Flagger for the 2018 construction season.

During my first season as a Flagger, I learned a lot on the job and became intrigued by the Quality Control Nuclear Density Technician position. I would watch them with the nuclear density gauges and was interested in learning more about what the job entailed. After working my third season as a flagger, I applied for a Quality Control Nuclear Density Technician position. I am now celebrating my fifth season in road construction and two years as a Quality Control Nuclear Density Technician.

The NE TrANS class prepared me for my career in construction. I have learned how to listen with my eyes, ears and intuition and how to get comfortable being uncomfortable. These two phrases have stuck with me in my career and have played an essential role in my career transition. Today, I enjoy my job and absolutely love working for Northeast Asphalt, a division of Walbec Group. Had it not been for TrANS, and Ranard Morris, NE TrANS Coordinator, I wouldn't be where I'm today. I am truly grateful.

## **Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### SECRETARY'S GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD WINNERS

**Craig Thompson,** WisDOT Secretary (below left) and **Paul Hammer**, WisDOT Deputy Secretary (below right) presented the Secretary's Golden Shovel Awards on March 4 at the 2022 Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit.



## CLEARCUT SOLUTIONS Secretary's Golden Shovel Award



Quinn Long (middle), Clearcut Solutions

### JASMINE SONMOR

Vanguard Golden Shovel Award



Jasmine Sonmor (middle), Aura Fabricators Inc

### MICHELS CORPORATION

Secretary's Golden Shovel Award



Tony Straseske (middle), Michels Corporation

## TRACEY GRIFFITH Secretary's Golden Shovel

Secretary's Golden Shovel Pioneer Award for Labor



Tracey Griffith (middle), Payne & Dolan, Inc.

#### **MONARCH PAVING**

Dan Zignego Diversity and Inclusion Golden Shovel Award



Steve Dougherty (middle), Monarch Paving

## ONEIDA ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS

Secretary's Golden Shovel Award



Don Miller, Matt Kunstman, and Benjie Hayek (middle), Oneida Engineering Solutions (OES)

## **Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit**

## SECRETARY'S GOLDEN SHOVEL

## 2022 HALL OF FAME

**Craig Thompson,** WisDOT Secretary (below left) and **Paul Hammer**, WisDOT Deputy Secretary (below right) presented the Secretary's Golden Shovel Hall of Fame recipients with awards on March 4 at the 2022 Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit.



#### DEWAYNE JOHNSON SE Region Director, retired



STEVEN KREBS
WisDOT DTSD
Deputy Administrator, retired



MEGHAN VAXMAN Rock Road Companies Inc.,

Posthumous



On behalf of Meghan Vaxman, award accepted by Kelly Schmaltz, CFO, Rock Road Companies



#### 2020-2021 MENTOR PROTÉGÉ PAIRS

Front row (left to right): Jeff Schweke, Vinton Construction Company (M); Karen Krueger, M&J Krueger Trucking LLC (P); Patti Schleicher-Rice, R.G.Huston Company (M); Sarah Janis, Integrity Grading & Excavating (M); Tim Groeschel; Pheifer Brothers (M)

Back row (*left to right*): Brian Naughton, Payne and Dolan (M); Brian Wipf, James Peterson Sons (M); John Zignego, Zignego Company (M) and Quinn Long, Clearcut Solutions LLC (P)

See list the list of 2020-21 Mentor Protégé pairs **here**.