

# OFFICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY AND EQUITY COMPLIANCE

### Winter 2022

### WISDOT COVID 19 INFORMATION



"Now, perhaps more than ever, we need you, your talents, and your drive to do great work."

## Letter from the Secretary WE NEED YOU!

For more than 30 years, the Annual DBE Workshop and Networking Summit event has been bringing people together to cultivate emerging talent in the highway construction industry. WisDOT is proud to work with DBE contractors and mentors who share a drive for improvement and passion for success.

WisDOT has made great progress in the past year by strengthening the tools, resources and policies that support the DBE program. Our number of Good Faith Effort requests is on a downward trend as more prime contractors are proactively working with DBE subcontractors at the time of bid. We are dedicated to continued improvement as we look for ways to connect businesses.

It's a great time to be a transportation professional as we continue to see a positive outlook for Wisconsin infrastructure projects statewide. The completion of I-39/90 and the Madison Beltline Flex Lanes are good examples the vital work we've accomplished. Our future remains bright as well, with the Transportation Projects Commission meeting again after several years of dormancy and state and federal funding opportunities increasing. We're continuing to move forward with important improvements all over the state.

Now, perhaps more than ever, we need you, your talents, and your drive to do great work. That's what makes the DBE program so important, as we

strive to build value in our work zones as well as communities throughout Wisconsin. As we continue to see staffing shortages in many industries, it is essential to WisDOT's success to ensure that we can access all of the talent in our state. By teaching, mentoring and building connections, we strive to enhance competition for quality work through skill and technical knowledge.

While it will be great to see so many people in person at this year's event, we're proud to expand last year's fully virtual option into a hybrid experience, allowing attendees to take in the event from anywhere. It's important that we continue to find ways to open more doors of opportunity throughout our state.

We hope this event will be valuable to you and your business and wish you the best throughout the coming year and construction season ahead. Your attention, dedication and hard work are making a difference for millions of Wisconsinites who rely on our transportation system every day.

### Thank you!

#### **Craig Thompson**

Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Transportation



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

### DAY 1 – VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS March 3, 2022

# DBE WORKSHOP

### General Session | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Welcome from the Office of Business Opportunity and Equity Compliance Director Lea Collins-Worachek Updates from the Unified Certification Program (UCP) DBE Directors WisDOT Perspectives from the Division of Transportation System Development (DTSD) Administrators WisDOT Construction Let Forecast from the DTSD Bureau Director Jeffrey Gust Guest Speaker: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Wisconsin Division Director Glenn Fulkerson

### Virtual Workshops | 9:45 AM - 3:15 PM

### Virtual Session Workshops | 9:45 - 10: 45 am

- DBE Program Updates
- Post Contract Award
- Toward Ethical Practices PDH CREDIT
- Developing an Effective Elevator Speech
- Accessing Business Loans/Credit for DBE Contractors: Qualifications and Processes

### Virtual Session Workshops | 11:00 - 12:00 pm

- Navigating the WisDOT Highway Construction Contract Information (HCCI) website
- Alternative Contracting Method: Design/Build Process Opportunity and Risks • PDH CREDIT
- Trucking Safety and Regulatory Requirements
- Labor Challenges and Solutions
- Business Capacity Building Technical Assistance Strengthening the Ready, Willing and Able Status of DBE Contractors and Qualifications for Accessing Credit

### Virtual Session Workshops | 1:00 – 2:00 pm

- Autonomous Vehicles: Roadway Design Considerations, E-vehicles, Charging lanes • PDH CREDIT
- Business Insurance, Bonding, and Developing a Safety Program
- Build Your Brand and Stand Out!
- Basic Highway Plan Reading
- Cybersecurity

### Virtual Session Workshops | 2:15 – 3:15 pm

- WisDOT Good Faith Effort
- WisDOT Life of a Project | Scoping and Consultant Resourcing PDH CREDIT
- Bridge Deck/Concrete Structure Rehabilitation and Restoration
- Developing an Effective Elevator Speech
- Doing Business with Non-Highway Stakeholders

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

### DAY 2 – NETWORKING SESSIONS March 4, 2022

The Ingleside Hotel | Pewaukee, WI

### Innovation and Technology Panel Breakfast | 8:00 – 9:30 AM | Oakton Ballroom

Session Host: Ugo Nwagbaraocha - President, National Association of Minority Contractors, Wisconsin Chapter Guest Speaker: Adonica Randall - President, Abraxent LLC

### INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PANEL

Dr. Connie Li, PE - President and CEO, TranSmart Technologies Dr. Xiao (Shaw) Qin, PE - Director, Institute for Physical Infrastructure and Transportation (IPIT), UW-Milwaukee Mayor Cory Mason - City of Racine, Wisconsin Aileen Switzer - Administrator, Division of Budget and Strategic Initiatives (DBSI)

### Networking Sessions | 9:45 - 12:00 PM

- Networking with Prime Contractors | Lake Country Ballroom North | 9:45 AM
- Networking with TrANS Graduates | Lake Country Ballroom North | 11:00 AM
- Networking with Professional Consultants | Lake Country Ballroom Center | 9:45 AM
- Networking with WisDOT Project Leaders | Lake Country Ballroom Center | 11:00 AM

### Secretary's Golden Shovel Awards Luncheon | 12:15 – 1:45 PM | Oakton Ballroom

Session Host: Madalena Maestri, EdD - DBE Program Chief, DTSD, OBOEC, DBE Program

### SECRETARY'S GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Guest Speaker: Secretary Craig Thompson - Wisconsin Department of Transportation

### NAMC- WI GOLDEN CHAMPION FOR MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AWARDS PRESENTATION

Guest Speaker: Ugo Nwagbaraocha - President, NAMC Wisconsin Chapter

### **Opportunity Panel Project Profiles | 2:00 – 3:30 PM | Oakton Ballroom**

New Highway Technology Hands-on Presentation SE Region: Interstate 43 Corridor and Interstate 41 Zoo North Leg Projects SW Region Projects and Studies City of Wauwatosa: Tax Increment Financing Projects with Inclusion Requirements Wisconsin Center Expansion - Gilbane Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District - 2022 Construction Opportunities

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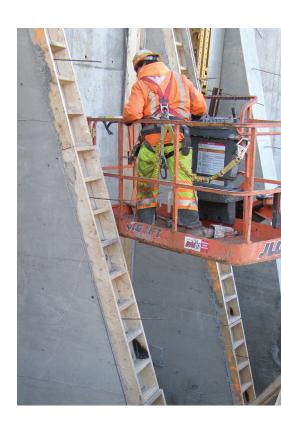
DBE WORKSHOP

### FFY2021 Total DBE Commitments

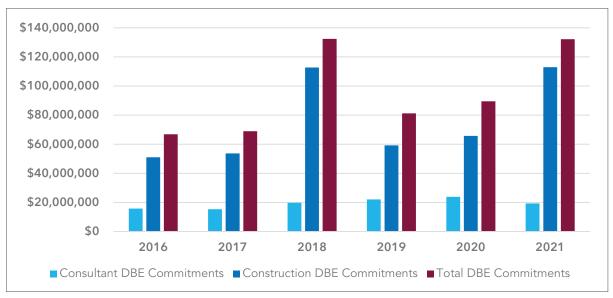
Annual Overall Goal: 12.41% Consultant: \$19,249,795 Construction: \$112,903,160 Total: \$132,152,955 14.57% overall achievement

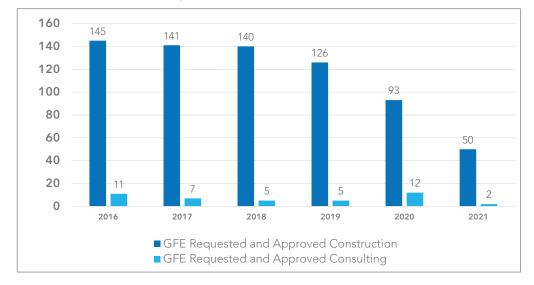
### DBE Commitments FFY 2016-2021

Year FFY	<b>Consultant</b> DBE Commitments	<b>Construction</b> DBE Commitments	<b>Total</b> DBE Commitments
2021	\$19,249,795	\$112,903,160	\$132,152,955
2020	\$23,847,885	\$65,688,593	\$89,536,478
2019	\$22,080,689	\$59,164,635	\$81,245,324
2018	\$19,703,816	\$112,640,653	\$132,344,469
2017	\$15,271,855	\$53,649,033	\$68,920,888
2016	\$15,775,997	\$51,045,487	\$66,821,484



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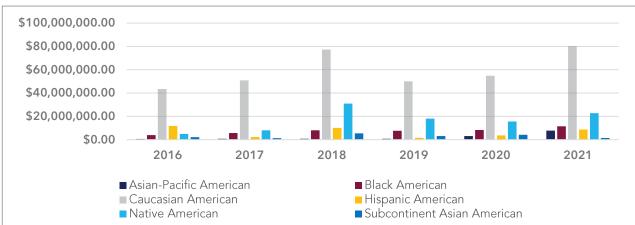


### Good Faith Effort Requests FFY 2016 - 2021

### DBE Overall Annual Goal Achievement FFY 2016-2021



### DBE Program Achievement by Ethnic Group FFY 2016-2021



### **Neutral DBE Participation Collection/Credit**

## DBE Contractors We need you...



### This guide is meant to help contractors accurately report engagement with **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)**

Initial commitments for DBEs are set with form DT1506. When these commitments are exceeded, this is called neutral or voluntary participation. Neutral or voluntary participation is tracked by filing Attachment A to DT1506.

It is very important to accurately track DBE engagement. It not only helps determine whether goals are met, it also informs future goal setting.

The reported information helps to:

Accurately reflect DBE utilization through the life of the project instead of just upfront

Evaluate participation trends and potentially set lower DBE goals on future projects

### HERE'S WHAT TO DO ►

When adding a DBE contractor to a project after the original DBE commitment is approved, submit Attachment A from the DT1506. It must be:

- Signed by the prime contractor and the DBE
- Submitted after first payment to record accurate participation

### Additional Attachments A? No problem.

They can be submitted throughout the project.

Submit an Attachment A for the total subcontract value, including those submitted with bids (DT1506/electronic commitment)

Submit a final Attachment A to: DBE\_Alert@dot.wi.gov when the DBE is finished working on the project

OR Submit a final Attachment A to DBE Alert (as above) during the Finals Process when Compliance receives notice of "Substantially Complete"

### NEW FOR 2022 ►

#### Special note on trucking after award/execution

Only submit Attachment A for DBE truckers not on DT1506

Do not submit Attachment A for additional trucking commitment for DBE firms included with the bid (DT1506/electronic commitment)

OBOEC will confirm trucking commitment and utilization through CRCS/AWP, payment reporting, the Trucking Schedule, and hiring agreements

Final Attachment A is not required for trucking but must be submitted if requested as part of CUF monitoring

WisDOT Compliance and DBE offices are committed to excellence in service. Contractors can expect follow-up from WisDOT staff to ensure full accuracy of DBE commitments and Attachment(s) A.

#### Why can't WisDOT use the payroll entries in CRCS to verify all DBE commitments?

We must confirm that the DBE performed work in an area in which they are certified by NAICS code.

Examples:

• A landscape firm is certified to perform sign installation under NAICS code 237310, but has exceeded the cap designated by the SBA to perform work under the NAICS code 561730 (Landscaping Services). We'd need to

ONLY to approve DBE credit.

- A supplier is providing materials under the appropriate NAICS code but the percentage of credit (10%, 60%, 100%) must be confirmed per ASP-3.
- The DBE Office must verify DBE trucking commitments and how many of the trucks used were DBE-owned. NEW – we can usually do this without requiring another Attachment A for DBEs already on the commitment.

#### verify payment isrelated to sign installation Where is this language stated, and is it mandatory?

The language is in ASP-3 and is being updated to reflect the Attachment A process. Further guidance regarding DBE Program requirements is provided in 49 CFR Part 26.

#### What will happen if I don't comply?

WisDOT will not be able to claim credit towards the overall annual goal likely causing project level goals to be higher.

#### wisconsindot.gov/DBEcontracting

### Unified Certification Program (UCP) Newly Certified DBE Firms | October 2021 - January 2022

### Accessology Too, LLC DBA Accessology

Kristi Avalos McKinney, TX 75069 kristi\_avalos@accessology.com (972) 434-0068

UCP UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Administrative)

### Adelina International, LLC

Demmi Nunn Bakersfield, CA 93305 adelinaintl@gmail.com (661) 525-6265

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 423450 - Medical, Dental, and Hospital Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Non-Construction)

### **AllSource Construction Supply**

Debra Rockway Portland, OR 97230 debbier@asupply.net (503) 858-8922

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 423320 - Brick, Stone, And Related Construction Material Merchant Wholesalers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Building Construction Products)

### AlphaVets, Inc.

Cynthia Spragg York, SC 29745 cindys@alphavets.com (803) 548-6800

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 425120 - Wholesale Trade Agents and Brokers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Wholesale Distributor

### ALR Diversified Supplied Chain Mgt., LLC

Laurie Linton Cheektowaga, NY 14225 laurie@alrsupply.com (716) 310-3956

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 335931 - Current Carrying Wiring Device Manufacturing WORK CLASSIFICATION: General Manufacturing (Non-Highway)

### ANASA Traffic and Restoration Services, LLC

Adam Skenandore Pewaukee, WI 53072 askenandore@anasa-trs.com (262) 932-0001

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 561990 - All Other Support Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Traffic Control)

### Apex Commercial Construction, Inc. - Kuehne Division

William Buford III Oak Creek,WI 53154 kbuford@kuehneco.com (414) 764-4340

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 561730 – Landscaping Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Incidental Construction (Landscaping)

### B & L Supply, Inc.

Clifton Boyd, Jr. St. Paul, MN 55107 BLSupply@BLSupply.com (651) 646-1098

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 423610 - Electrical Apparatus and Equipment, Wiring Supplies, and Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Electrical/ Electrical Apparatus and Equipment)

### CHPlanning, Ltd.

Charnelle Hicks Philadelphia, PA 19102 charnelle.hicks@CHPlanning (214) 751-1400

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 541620 - Environmental Consulting Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Urban Planning)

#### **Clean Magic**

Nakia Manning Milwaukee, WI 53205 nakia.manning@yahoo.com (414) 949-6579

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 561720 - Janitorial Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Janitorial Services

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### D's Trucking

Shannon Ross Milwaukee, WI 53210 dstrucks.llc@gmail.com (262) 409-6890

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 484121 - General Freight Trucking, Long Distance, Truckload WORK CLASSIFICATION: Box Trucks; Logistics; Shipping and Handling

### Eagle Excavation, LLC

Daniel Rossal Las Vegas, NV 89102 daniel@eagleexcavationnv.com (702) 591-8949

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 237310 - Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Grading)

### Envision the Ladder, LLC

Sherri Jordan Milwaukee, WI 53214 sherri@envisiontheladder.com (414) 559-7074

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 541611 - Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Business Leadership Coaching and Training

### HBSS Connect Corp.

Himanshu Bhatnagar Lowell, MA 01851 hb@hbssonline.com (978) 379-0010

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Information Technology)

### Hilco Road Supplies and Excavating, LLC

Katie Lancette Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 hilcoroadsupplies@gmail.com (715) 641-0746

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: NW NAICS CODE: 423810 - Construction and Mining (except Oil Well) Machinery and Equipment Merchant Wholesalers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Highway Construction Materials)

### LSE Trucking LLC

Luis Sanchez Milwaukee, WI 53215 sanchez\_1925@yahoo.com (414) 779-0287

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 484220 - Specialized Freight (Except Used Goods) Trucking, Local WORK CLASSIFICATION: Dump Trucking

### Ontime Quality Machining

Courtney Tate Milwaukee,WI 53212 ctate@oqmllc.com (414) 509-6007

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 332710 - Machine Shops WORK CLASSIFICATION: General Manufacturing (Non-Highway)

### Pack and Ship Ltd.

Rodney Hill Bayside, WI 53217 packnmailplus@yahoo.com (414) 228-8131

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 323111 - Print shops, quick (except printing books) WORK CLASSIFICATION: Packaging, Copy and Print Center

### **PEC Electrical Services, LLC**

Anthony Glenn, Sr. Milwaukee, WI 53216 kathy@pecesllc.com (414) 461-9351

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 238210 - Electrical Contractors and Other Wiring Installation Contractors WORK CLASSIFICATION: Electrical Contracting

#### **Pendleton Industries**

William Pendleton Helenville, WI 53137 pendletonindustries@gmail.com (920) 390-0524

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SW NAICS CODE: 425120 - Agent Brokers, Non Durable Goods, Wholesale Trade WORK CLASSIFICATION: Wholesale Distributor

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### Pinyon Environmental, Inc.

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UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 541330 - Engineering Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Environmental Services)

### Pro 2 Pave, Inc.

Craig Clements Franksville, WI 53126 cclements@pro2pave.com (262) 895-0440

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 237310 - Highway, Street, And Bridge Construction WORK CLASSIFICATION: Heavy Highway Construction (Concrete Work)

#### Proto Trucking, LLC

Pedro Ibarra Milwaukee, WI 53221 prototruckingllc@outlook.com (920) 747-0650

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 484220 - Specialized Freight (except Used Goods) Trucking, Local WORK CLASSIFICATION: Dump Trucking

#### PureSky, LLC DBA International Card Solutions

Justin Clayborne New York, NY 10065 justin@pureskyllc.com (404) 938-3342

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 522320 - Credit Card Processing Service WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Finance)

#### **Resolutions HR Services**

Shabora O'Quinn Milwaukee, WI 53224 resolutions.hrsvs@gmail.com (414) 446-0322

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 541612 - Human Resources Consulting Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Administrative)

### Synergy Development LTD

Robin Aikens Chicago, IL 60605 robinrossaikens@gmail.com (312) 995-0402 UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 561720 - Janitorial Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Janitorial Services

#### TruePani, Inc.

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UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 541620 - Environmental Consulting Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Environmental)

#### Underwood and Sons, LLC

Scott Underwood Racine, WI 53406 qualitycare54@gmail.com (414) 416-0058

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: SE NAICS CODE: 484220 - Specialized Freight (except Used Goods) Trucking, Local WORK CLASSIFICATION: Dump Trucking

#### Wiser Systems, Inc.

Elaine Rideout Raleigh, NC 27603 elaine.rideout@wisersystems.com (919) 345-6619

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 334220 - Radio And Television Broadcasting And Wireless Communications Equipment Manufacturing Work Classification: Box Trucks; Logistics; Shipping and Handling

### Wrangler Tech, LLC

Danene McMahon Hodgkins, IL 60525 dmcmahon@wranglertech.net (630) 915-4780

UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: WisDOT HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 423610 - Electrical Apparatus And Equipment, Wiring Supplies, And Related Equipment Merchant Wholesalers WORK CLASSIFICATION: Material Supplier (Building Construction Products)

### 720 Design Inc.

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UCP CERTIFYING AGENCY: Milwaukee County HOME REGION: Non-WI NAICS CODE: 541310 - Architectural Services WORK CLASSIFICATION: Professional Services (Architectural Services)

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

Thursday, March 3rd - Virtual Platform Friday, March 4th - The Ingleside Hotel

### SECRETARY'S GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD NOMINEES

### DBE WORKSHOP & Networking Summit

Aina Vilumsons, WPI American Asphalt Arrow-Crete Construction, Inc. Clearcut Solutions DK Contractors, Inc. James Peterson Sons Jasmine Sonmor, Aura Fabricators, Inc. Kraemer North America LaLonde Contractors, Inc. Lunda Construction Company Michels Corporation Monarch Paving Company Oneida Engineering Solutions, LLC Pheifer Brothers Construction Co., Inc. Pro Electric Inc. Tracey Griffith, Walbec Group, Inc. UPI, Inc. Wisconsin Rebar







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