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## Minority Businesses Have More Opportunities Than Ever Before

*10 Cabinet Agencies Exceed Governor Kasich's 15 percent Minority Business Enterprise Goal*

Ten state government cabinet agencies exceed the state's commitment to make 15 percent of government contracts available to Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) during fiscal year 2013. When minority-owned businesses secure a state contract, it helps the state's economy as well as the employment rate in the minority community.

"These agencies made achieving this goal a priority. Qualified minority businesses are ready and able to do the work. In many cases they need access," said Jackie Williams, chief of the Minority Business Development Division of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "The state remains committed to providing access and opportunities for Ohio small businesses."



Honoring agencies at the Ohio Business Expo were (left to right) **Bob Blair**, Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services; **Jacqueline Williams**, Ohio Development Services Agency; **David Moore**, Facilities Construction Commission; **Chris Angles**, Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services Central Services Agency on behalf of Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, Liquor Control Commission, State Board of Cosmetology, State Board of Sanitarian Registration, State Chiropractic Board and the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board; **Gary Holben**, State Medical Board; **Christine Dietsch**, State Employment Relations Board; **Shane Trace**, State Employment Relations Board; **Meloney Buehl**, State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics; **Chris Logsdon**, Respiratory Care Board; **Michael Peyton**, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

The agencies recognized at the 2013 Ohio Business Expo, which was held recently at the Ohio Expo Center, included Ohio Office of Budget and Management, whose MBE set aside expenditures totaled 45% of their expenditures for fiscal year 2013; Ohio Department of Insurance (43%); Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (42%); Ohio Department of Aging (33%); Ohio Department of Commerce (26%); Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (23%); Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (22%); Ohio Department of Youth Services (17%) Ohio Department of Public Safety (16%) and Ohio Development Services Agency (16%).

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