



PROGRAM AGENDA

- Opening Remarks:** Kerri Jew – Executive Director, Division of Minority & Women’s Business Development,
Empire State Development
Office of Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples-Stokes, 141st District, NYS Assembly
Office of the President, SUNY Buffalo
- Keynote Speaker:** Alphonso B. David - New York State Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights,
Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
- Panel Topics:**
- 9:45am – 10:25 am** ● **Capacity Builder Workshop** –Leveraging your MWBE Certification with Business Development support
- Bridge to Success Program-
- Presented by Yvette R. Hall, M.B.A., Ombudsman / Business Advisor, Empire State Development*
Ray Salaberrios, Senior Director, Economic Revitalization, Empire State Development
- 10:30am – 11:10am** ● **Panel Discussion - Regional Council Awards** – Opportunities for MWBE firms & subcontractors
- Moderator:** *Brian Ansari, Business Development, Empire State Development*
- Panelists:** *Christina Orsi – Regional Director, Western NY Regional Office, Director*
Diane Kinnicutt – Director, ESD Office of Contractor & Supplier Diversity
Amber Dixon – Executive Director – Buffalo Arts & Technology Center
Seleka Grant - Deputy Director/Counsel, Dept. Housing & Community Renewal, Office of Fair Housing,
- 11:15am – 12:00pm** ● **Live Demos** – New York State online systems. How can they help you grow your business?
- NYS Contract Compliance System –**
- And*
- “New” New York State Contract Reporter -**
- Presented by Brian Ansari, Business Development, Empire State Development*
- 12:00pm – 3:30pm**
- NYS MWBE BOOT CAMP – Theatre
 - Trade Show - Room 100 & 2nd Floor