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Networking/Events Calendar

COMTO EVENTS:

- Wednesday, March 13 – Celebrating Women who Move the Nation – 8-10:30 a.m., JW Marriot, Washington D.C. Register for this event [here](#).
- Thursday, March 21 – March Member Meeting – Daniel's Fund, 101 Monroe St., Denver, CO 80206
- Friday, April 26 – SAVE THE DATE! COMTO Colorado 8th Annual Scholarship Banquet – 5-9:30 p.m., Grand Hyatt, 1705 Welton St., Denver, CO 80202
- July 13-17 – COMTO's 42nd Annual National

Happy New Year COMTO Colorado members!

It's the start of a new year and we're off and running. I want to first say thank you to all our members and sponsors for your support and participation in 2012. Moving forward, we are looking at another busy year, both here and abroad. A few upcoming events you'll want to put on your calendar: from COMTO National, "Celebrating Women Who Move The Nation" breakfast in March and the "42nd National Meeting and Training Conference," in Jacksonville, Fla., in July. These are certainly great opportunities to meet other COMTO chapter members, market your business and learn about opportunities nationwide. Locally, we are busy preparing for our most important event of the year, the 8th Annual Scholarship Banquet on Friday, April 26, and our Annual Golf Tournament in July. You don't want to miss either of these events!



From the contracting and business side of things, more and more projects are opening up to our members. Prime contractors (Kiewit, Denver Transit Partners and Denver International Airport) have given presentations on key projects at our membership meetings, all in an effort to ensure that you have every opportunity to bid on work for these projects.

In future months, our executive team plans to meet with

Meeting & Training Conference, Jacksonville, Fla. [Click here](#) for more details.

Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce – Contractor Academy – Understanding Proposals; in conjunction with the Hispanic Contractors of Colorado—
Thursday, Feb. 28, 4-6 p.m., 646 Mariposa St., Suite 100, Denver, CO 80204

Learn how to understand a request for proposal, strategies to respond and create a “tool kit” for future proposals. For more information visit www.hispanic-contractors.org

American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE) Denver Chapter 5 – Estimating Academy –
Friday, March 1, 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., AGC Education Center, 686 Mariposa St., Denver, CO 80204

Learn new strategies that will help your company stay competitive and up to date on the latest estimating technology. For more information call 720-235-1950

Cherry Creek Business

key executives from transportation agencies throughout Colorado. These discussions will focus on building our membership, connecting our members to contract opportunities throughout the region and increasing our training and development initiative, ultimately assisting you in opening the door of success.

I strongly encourage you to get involved, take part in our activities and expand your business horizons. Our executive team is here to assist you in your training and development needs, help build your business and create better sustainable relationships with everyone in the transportation world. Until next time, I wish you continued success and have a prosperous New Year!

Dan Pearsall
COMTO Colorado President



BREAKING NEW GROUND
Members on the Move

COLLINA WASHINGTON, RFTA

Collina Washington, a COMTO member since 2005, is passionate about her work at the Roaring Forks Transit Authority (RFTA). She entered the transit industry in 2004, and was recruited by RFTA in 2010 to establish the agency’s first procurement department and provide federal procurement oversight. Today, Collina works on a variety of projects that keep her busy and excited, such as the Purchase of 22 Compressed Natural Gas heavy duty vehicles and safety upgrades to the Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility, RFTA’s Bus Rapid Transit System, the Aspen Airport Business Center Pedestrian Underpass and BRT stations, and RFTA’s Aspen Maintenance Facility Recommissioning.



Collina is proud to be part of the RFTA team, and some

Women's Network

Meeting – Third Thursday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Elways at Cherry Creek, 2500 E 1st Ave., Denver, CO 80206

For details visit CCBWN.org.

Colorado Office Of Economic Development and International Trade – Metro Denver EDC 9th Annual Meeting –

Thursday, Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Seawell Grand Ballroom, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, 1050 13th St., Denver, CO 80204

Mortensen Construction – Java Thursday is Back!

– Thursday, March 7, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 1621 18th St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80202

Registration is accepted for two people per company per meeting. All businesses, large and small, are encouraged to attend. RSVP to javathursday@mortenson.com

Regional Transportation District (RTD)– FasTracks I-225 Rail Line Groundbreaking – Friday, March 1, 10 a.m., Future Aurora City Center Station (Currently the Centrepoint and Sable Transfer Center, north side of the facility).

of the awards received in 2012 include the “Best Large Transit Agency” and “Best Marketing Program” awards from the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA). RFTA has hosted Peter Rogoff, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration, and has been visited by U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood. Also in 2012, RFTA was granted the White House Champions of Change in Transportation Innovation.

Collina is proud to be a member of COMTO and believes that COMTO has provided her with a valuable network with which she can access industry leaders as well as vendors who she may not normally have been able to access.

For more information about RFTA, visit www.rfta.com, or contact Collina at cwashington@rfta.com.



UPCOMING CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Transportation District (RTD)

For RTD a calendar of events and solicitations visit [rtd-denver.com/Current Solicitations](http://rtd-denver.com/CurrentSolicitations)

RTD Small Business Office

Contact: Dan Pearsall

Daniel.Pearsall@RTD-denver.com

Phone: 303.299.2281

2013 RTD/FasTracks MOU Stakeholder & Business Community Update – Thursday, March 7, 5-7 p.m., Park Hill Golf Course

This meeting is for the membership of all RTD FasTracks Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Stakeholders, DBEs, SBEs, MBEs, WBEs, Veteran-Owned Businesses, Trade Association Members and All Advocacy Group Organizations that have done business with RTD or who are interested in doing business with RTD. The discussion will be moderated by RTD's General Manager Phil Washington. We will cover major project updates, upcoming opportunities, RTD's Vision, and provide an avenue for

Join RTD as they break ground on the I-225 Rail Line, marking the beginning of construction of the full line. For more information, call 303-299-6902.

Small Business Transportation Resource Center – West Central Region – Southeast Colorado Bonding Education Program – Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8, 6880 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112

Small Business Transportation Resource Center – West Central Region – Prime Connections – Tuesday, March 12, 6880 S. Yosemite Court, Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112

If you are interested in attending any one of these events, contact Lavonna Stathes at 303-290-6611 X 29 or email lstathes@ccainfo.org

U.S. Small Business Administration – Construction Project Management – Thursday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., HCC Offices, 646 Mariposa St., Room 205, Denver, CO 80204

Register at sbworkshops.stoverteam.com.

networking with some of RTD's largest Prime Contractors. Finally, you will have an opportunity to meet key RTD procurement officials and connect with the right buyer/prime! Pre-registration will be required because seating will be limited! More details will be provided soon!

Denver Transit Partners

Denver Transit Partners (DTP) is looking forward to an exciting and busy construction season this fall.

- 1) Visit denvertransitpartners.com and click the "Download the Form" link at the bottom right. Then click the "Contractor-Vendor Notice of Interest Form."
- 2) Fill out the form and return it to opportunities@dtjv.com or by mail to 1670 Broadway, Suite 2700, Denver, CO 80202.
- 3) In 10 days you will be sent a prequalification package. Fill out the provided form and return it with a copy of your DBE and/or RTD SBE certification.
- 4) Monitor the DTP website for bid opportunities.

For more information, contact Linda Wilson, DTP DBE/SBE Liaison, at 303.297.5286 or linda.wilson@dtjv.com. For a complete list of upcoming opportunities [click here](#).

Kiewit Colorado

- **DIA STRP – 100% IFC – AVI Gates Level 6 West, Levels 4 & 6 East** – Kiewit will issue a request for proposals to all firms for the scope of work. Scope of work includes removal of equipment, installation of concrete pads, temporary and permanent AVI equipment. MWBE is encouraged, as there is a 90 percent MWBE goal for this portion of the South Terminal Redevelopment Program (STRP). Firms interested in bidding should send their requests to Heather Harper at Heather.Harper@kiewit.com or call 303-917-0714 for access to documents. Bids are due by Friday, March 1 at 2 p.m.
- **RTD – Rio Court MOW Building**

[com](#). There is no cost for eligible businesses. For more information contact Phyllis Embree or Chris Strudhoff at sbaworkshops@stoberteam.com or at 770-423-9888

Women’s Construction Industry Reception –

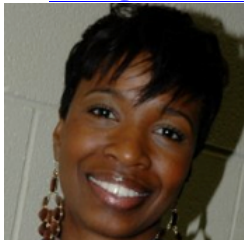
Thursday, March 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wynkoop Brewing Company, 1634 18th St., Denver, CO 80202

This event is held semi-annually to create a networking opportunity for women in the construction industry.

CONTACT THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dan Pearsall, Chapter President
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Maxine Pryor, Vice President

Rehabilitation—Proposals are due to Kiewit no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, Mar 1. Bid opening is as posted by RTD. Submit proposals to Kye Holtan-Brown by:

- Emailing a PDF to kye.holtan-brown@kiewit.com,
- Faxing to 303-930-9001, or
- Mailing/dropping off to 7200 S. Alton Way, Suite A300, Englewood, CO 80112

Proposals are to include all required submittals. Enclosure 4 – Solicitation Statistics is due from all bidders. Enclosure 3 – Letter of Intent plus a copy of current SBE certificate is required from all SBE bidders. There is a 25 percent SBE goal for this project. Project documents are available for download via Kiewit’s web-based planroom. Please contact Kiewit to be provided access.

Visit kiewit.com/business-with-us/dbe-opportunities.aspx for more contract opportunities, or contact Ellen Marshall at 720-448-3191 or Ellen.Marshall@Kiewit.com.

DIA and South Terminal Redevelopment Program (STRP)

Visit business.flydenver.com/bizops/index.asp for details on upcoming/pending contract opportunities.

City and County of Denver

For solicitations visit: work4denver.com

CDOT

Visit coloradodot.info/business/bidding for other bidding opportunities.

Mortensen Hunt Saunders (MHS), A tri-venture Prequalification Requirement

MHS is requesting trade subcontractors and material vendors to make known their interest in performing certain aspects of this upcoming work. Qualifications must be submitted prior to or concurrent with submission of any bid proposal(s) for the work.

Interested firms may contact Jeff Anker at Jeff.Anker@mhs-jv.com or Marsha Nelson at

720-470-5180
or maxine@comtocolorado.org



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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

- James Cook,
Regional
Transportation
District

If you know someone interested in becoming a member, send him or her a membership packet that can be downloaded [here](#). For more information contact Maxine Pryor at 720-470-5180 or

Marsha.Nelson@mhs-jv.com at to obtain the Prequalification Package.

Roaring Fork Transportation Authority

To view a list of the latest contract opportunities, visit rfta.com/rfps.html, or contact Collina Washington at cwashington@rfta.com.

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CHAPTER NEWS

What's Happening

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR! DENVER TRANSIT PARTNERS (DTP)

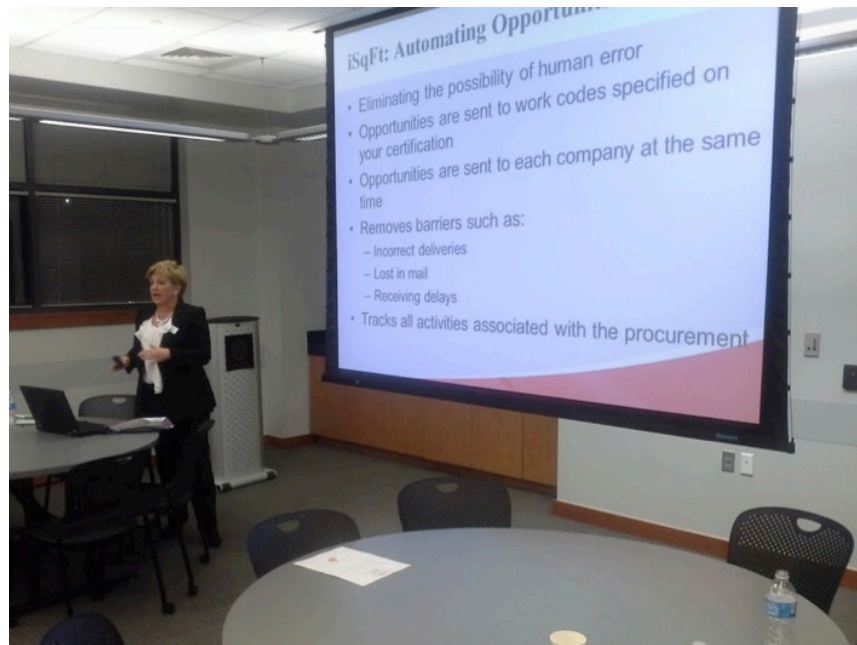
A special thanks to Denver Transit Partners (DTP) for sponsoring and presenting at the January Member Meeting on Jan. 17. DTP was selected by RTD to design, build, operate, maintain and operate the Eagle P3 Project. The Eagle P3 Project is comprised of the East Rail Line to DIA, Gold Line to Arvada, the Northwest Electrified Segment to Westminster and the Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility. DTP provided an overview of the many job opportunities available to SBEs and DBEs in the Denver-metro Area. For more information on the upcoming opportunities, [click here](#).



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Laura Rinker, DTP Project Communications Manager



Linda Wilson, DTP DBE Liaison

SAVE THE DATE! COMTO COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET –APRIL 26

It's that time of year again! Time to award deserving students with scholarships to pursue careers in transportation. The 8th Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held at **5 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at The Grand Hyatt, 1750 Welton St., Denver, CO 80202**. We are

partnering with RTD on this event to coincide with the opening of the West Rail Line Grand Opening. Details about the sponsorships available are available at www.comtocolorado.org. Sponsorships are available at all price levels – don't miss out! Click [here](#) to register.

COMTO COLORADO SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

COMTO Colorado is once again awarding up to five scholarships to minority and female students who express an interest in directing their college studies towards a transportation-related field. Eligible students are those who plan to attend accredited four-year colleges and universities. They must be currently enrolled in high school, in good standing, and have maintained at least a 2.5 grade point average throughout the 2012-2013 school year. To apply or to find more information about the fields of study this scholarship awards, visit www.comtocolorado.org/Scholarship_Info/. Applications are due **Thursday, March 7!**

COMTO NATIONAL CONFERENCE – JULY 13 through 17

Don't miss COMTO's 42nd National Meeting and Training Conference in Jacksonville, Fla., this summer at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Special rates are \$144 plus taxes for single and double occupancy. View the tentative schedule of events and register online today, just [click here](#).

YOU'RE INVITED: MARCH MEETING

Mark your calendars! Join us for our March Member Meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, at Daniel's Fund, 101 Monroe St., Denver, CO 80206. The meeting agenda will be posted online at comtocolorado.org once it is finalized! See you then!

LATEST MEETING SUMMARY

We were honored to have representatives from Denver International Airport present at the February Member Meeting about exciting new bidding opportunities available! There are many projects currently out to bid, or

upcoming, that provide a variety of work opportunities both inside and outside the airport. The meeting minutes and presentation are available online at www.comtcolorado.org/Meetings_Events/. For more information about opportunities at DIA, contact Alicia Avila at alicia.avila@flydenver.com or visit business.flydenver.com/bizops/index.asp.

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