SAVE THE DATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the inequities that exist in both the public and private sectors nationwide to support and maintain the viability of minority, women and veteran-owned businesses. In response, the NJ State Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) and the NJ Board of Utilities Supplier Diversity Development Council (SDDC) have partnered to provide a first-of-its-kind Garden State Minority, Women, and Veteran-Owned Business (MWVOB) Virtual Marketplace Exchange Summit on **Wednesday, December 9**. The Summit – a full-day virtual event for diverse businesses – is consistent with Governor Murphy's Economic Strategic Plan to set New Jersey on the path to a stronger and fairer future.

According to Hester Agudosi, Chief Diversity Officer, New Jersey Office of Diversity and Inclusion, "In 2020 we have been called to institute sustainable change and level the playing field for diverse businesses in general, and small- to mid-sized diverse businesses specifically. This is an important and particularly timely opportunity for positive, systemic change to impact the growth and development of MWVOBs in New Jersey, where innovation and diversity are at the forefront of our State's economy."

Join us for the Garden State MWVOB Virtual Marketplace Exchange Summit on **Wednesday, December 9** for a full day of Procurement Matchmaking Sessions that will deliver real contract opportunities and access to capital directly to your desktop or device.

Who Should Attend:

- Minority, Women, Veteran and LGBTQ entrepreneurs and business owners interested in working with the State of New Jersey and NJ-based corporations that offer robust supplier diversity programs.

- Corporations and nonprofits looking to introduce their organizations to NJ's diverse business community.

To better gauge your interests and meet your needs, please click below to complete a brief survey.

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Stay tuned for additional details or visit us at 2020 Garden State MWVOB Virtual Marketplace Exchange Summit.