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## **“Can You Dig It?” session to outline \$80 million in MSD projects for 2018**

*MSD Procurement and Supplier Diversity will host session for contractors, engineers, goods and services providers*

LOUISVILLE, KY — Louisville MSD will host its third annual “Can You Dig It?” outreach session to educate potential contractors, engineers, as well as goods and services providers, on \$80 million worth of capital construction projects and other contract opportunities planned for 2018.

Such projects include \$25 million for a pump station and underground sewer mains for the recently launched Waterway Protection Tunnel—formally known as the Ohio River Tunnel Project. MSD will also highlight other 2018 projects including sewer rehabilitation design and construction, drainage improvement, professional service contracts, and various goods and services. MSD actively seeks to partner with minority- and women-owned businesses.

### **MSD commits to large impact for local labor and economy**

MSD has increased its Local Labor Preference for construction to include contracts of \$5 million or more. Previously, MSD procurement regulations required a Local Labor Preference for construction contracts of \$10 million or more.

“Local labor” is defined as individuals who have a primary legal residence within Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky; and, Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington counties in Indiana.

MSD is an economic engine in our community, supporting 3,000 jobs annually. Last year alone, construction companies had an opportunity to participate in more than \$300 million in MSD construction contracts. The agency is expected to have an economic impact of \$4.3 billion over the next 20 years.

### **MSD develops MSDJobLink.org to aid contractors and citizens in finding job candidates**

MSD is establishing an online portal to connect local workers with contract holders. “MSDJobLink.org” will launch on January 24. The site is intended to help contractors fulfill the Local Labor Preference. An introduction to this portal will be provided to contractors at MSD’s “Can You Dig It” outreach event.

### **WHAT:**

Can You Dig It? outreach session for contractors, engineers, goods and services providers

### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, January 24, 10 AM to Noon

**WHO:**

Tony Parrott, Executive Director, MSD

Rene´ Thomas, One Water Procurement and Supplier Diversity Director

John Loechle, Engineering Director, MSD

Tim Kraus, Vice President of Production Operations and Chief Engineer, Louisville Water Company

**WHERE:**

Kentucky Center for African American Heritage

1701 W Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40203

Parking available, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

Photos/video of speakers

Interviews with speakers

**MORE:**

In addition to the 80 million in 2018 projects, MSD has completed an extensive analysis of the wastewater, stormwater and flood protection systems that protect our community. MSD's Critical Repair & Reinvestment Plan identifies the critical needs in these areas and the solutions to address them. However, those solutions come with a large price tag — \$4.3 billion over the next 20 years, including almost \$500 million to finish the remaining Consent Decree obligations for managing sewer overflows.

For more information on the plan visit: [LouisvilleMSD.org/CriticalRepairPlan](http://LouisvilleMSD.org/CriticalRepairPlan)

**About MSD**

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 600 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.