



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Antoine M. Thompson

## Senator Thompson Sponsors MWBE Opportunity Forum

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**Buffalo, NY** – New York State Senator Antoine M. Thompson (D-Parts of Erie & Niagara Counties) will be hosting an Opportunity Forum along with the NYS Department of Transportation, the Buffalo Urban League and The Black Chamber of Commerce of WNY. The forum will be held on Friday, July 17 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm at the C.H. McCoy Convention Center at 653 Clinton Street in Buffalo.

“This event is a very good opportunity for participants to gain training and assistance opportunities,” stated Senator Antoine Thompson. “I’m glad that I could help sponsor such a great event.”

The Opportunity Forum will provide information to disadvantaged, minority and women owned businesses to help prepare for competitive bidding opportunities with the NYS Department of Transportation. Annually, the Department of Transportation bids out over one billion dollars statewide. Participants of this forum will learn about NYS Department of Transportation opportunities, training and technical assistance resources, bonding and insurance, project estimation and more.

Seating is limited. Individuals and businesses interested in participating must register with Nikkei Goodwin at 250-2414. The event is provided at no cost to participants.

Who: NYS Senator Antoine M. Thompson- 60th District  
NYS Department of Transportation

What: Opportunity Forum for Disadvantaged/Minority/Women Business Enterprises

Where: C.H. McCoy Convention Center  
653 Clinton Street- Buffalo, NY

When: 4:30pm – 5:00pm Light Meal  
5:00pm – 7:00pm Program