

**mita** Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association

# annual conference 2010



**LEADERSHIP  
PREPAREDNESS** &  
**IN TOUGH TIMES**  
**January 20 - 22, 2010**

# Wednesday Thursday

January 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## MICHIGAN UTILITY COORDINATING CONFERENCE

Swan Creek Room Break out rooms Saginaw and Black River

Want to hear about the latest developments within the utility industry? Then look no more! This conference within a conference will bring you up to speed on what's happening with regards to utility locating and impending changes to Public Act 53.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A TROUBLED PROJECT? CASE STUDY

Presented by Jim Urban and Eric Flessland of Butzel Long  
Three Fires Room

In this session a good project gone bad will be examined from start to finish. Traps along the way will be identified and solutions to the identified problems will be discussed. Participants should leave with a better understand of how to better manage projects and avoid potential claims. A must for all.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## FIELDMANAGER USER GROUP

Presented by Info Tech  
Ojibway Room

FieldManager is rapidly becoming the industry norm. Come to this session to learn about the latest upgrades and potential future modifications to the operating system. For those of you already using the system this is your opportunity to provide valuable input to this ongoing process.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## DBE Cocktail Reception, Sponsored by JDE Equipment Company

Saginaw Room



Come meet, mingle and network with certified and MDOT prequalified DBE contractors, prime contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and MDOT's Office of Business Development representatives in a relaxed casual social atmosphere.

January 21, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

## GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

Presented By FHWA and MDOT  
Saginaw Room

Get the facts about what you should be doing in regards to making "good faith efforts": To solicit and select DBE participation on federal-aid projects. Learn how to properly document "good faith efforts" in order to support a DBE participation waiver or modification request.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

## TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LABOR CONTRACTS

Presented by Frank Mamat of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C.  
Three Fires Room

This session is designed to share major mistakes contractors make over and over again that cost them thousands of dollars in legal fees and penalties. Participants will also be informed on how to understand the language contained in labor contracts to avoid potential future problems.

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## MDOT ROUNDTABLE, PRESENTED BY MITA AND MDOT

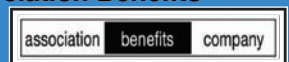
Saginaw Room

In our very successful roundtable format, come meet with other MITA members, MITA staff, and MDOT representatives to openly discuss, among other design package topics, 3-D supplemental design information utilization. Audience participation is required in this session, so come prepared to join the discussion with positive input that will lead to constructive solutions.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## MANAGING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Presented by Mike Buck of Association Benefits  
Swan Creek Room



Employee benefits have you scratching your head? You have options and that is what this session is all about. Come get an understanding of health care and benefit trends and how it relates to your benefit needs.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## MIOSHA ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

Black River Room

Want to know what's on the horizon with the agency that inspects your jobsites? This session will leave participants with a full understand of where MIOSHA will be focusing its enforcement efforts in the impending construction season?

# Thursday Continued...

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## **FUTURE LEADERS ONLY – MEETING WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Presenter Lt. General Russel Honore  
Ojibway Room

12:00 p.m.

## **TRADE SHOW OPENS**

Entertainment Hall

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

Entertainment Hall

MITA Board President Tom Diponio and MITA Executive Vice-President Bob Patzer will give welcome messages and introduce the opening general session keynote speaker General Honore.



2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LT. GENERAL RUSSEL HONORE, (RET.)**

Entertainment Hall

With a trademark swagger and commanding personality, "Category 5 General"

in charge of the entire Army east of the Mississippi brought calm to New Orleans after the Katrina catastrophe. An expert on preparedness he offers insights into protecting people and organizations, outlining the principles necessary to lead through unexpected and uncontrollable crises.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **MDOT UPDATE**

Presented by Kirk Stuedle and Greg Johnson

Entertainment Hall

Come listen to Director Stuedle and the new Chief Operations Officer Greg Johnson give their insight on the challenges that face MDOT and the direction they will take the construction program in the future.

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## **BOB PATZER RETIREMENT PARTY**

Swan Creek Room

Who in some way shape or form in this industry has not been touched in a positive manner by Bob Patzer? Come give him a proper send off and enjoy an entertaining evening with guest speaker's good food and lots of industry friends.

# Friday

January 22, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

## **MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST, SPONSORED BY WOLVERINE TRACTOR**

Black River Room



10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## **"THE NEW NORMAL"**

Presented by Gary Allhiser of Great Visions Consulting  
Entertainment Hall

Gary will address the economic crisis and how it is playing out in the construction industry and what the next few years might bring for contractors. Gary has a tendency for being highly accurate with his forecasting regarding construction trends and practices.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

## **PRESIDENTIAL EXCHANGE, FUTURE LEADER RECOGNITION AND HONORARY MEMBER AWARDS**

Entertainment Hall

12:00 p.m.

## **INDUSTRY RECEPTION AND STROLLING LUNCH, BEVERAGE SERVICE, SPONSORED BY MICHIGAN CAT**

Entertainment Hall



A strolling lunch in the vendor area of the Entertainment Hall. Please take the time to support those who support us.

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## IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

All individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations by returning the enclosed reservation form to the resort. A block of rooms is being held for MITA Conference participants at a special rate. **The room block will only be held until Monday, December 28, 2009.**

**Please photocopy to register more than one person.  
Registration deadline is Friday, January 8, 2010.**

## FEE SCHEDULE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (MITA Members):<br>\$245.00 per person<br>(includes the Patzer Retirement party) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patzer Retirement Party<br>(Spouse Registration):<br>\$75.00 per person | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Non-Members):<br>\$325.00 per person |
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**Please indicate (for seating and planning purposes) which sessions you plan to attend.**

### Wednesday

- Michigan Utility Coordinating Conference
- FieldManager User Group
- DBE Cocktail Reception

### Thursday

- Good Faith Efforts
- Top Ten Things to Know About Labor Contracts
- MDOT Roundtable
- MIOSHA Enforcement Initiative

**AN ADDITIONAL \$50/EACH WILL BE CHARGED TO THOSE REGISTERING ON-SITE.**

MITA MEMBER?  Yes  No

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please list as wanted on name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  CHECK  VISA  MC

CARDHOLDER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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