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8(a) ◦ SDB

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MDOT DBE

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O'Riordan Bethel Law Firm, LLP extends congratulations to a number of our clients who scored key victories and achieved goals:

- **We advised M. Luis Construction Co., Inc. ("MLCC") on its acquisition of an asphalt manufacturing facility based in Rockville, Maryland, and the structure of its new subsidiary, M. Luis Products, LLC, to operate that facility.** MLCC, based in Baltimore, Maryland, is one of the leading minority- and women-owned construction and paving firms in the state of Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region. Over the past 25 years, MLCC has specialized in milling, concrete/asphalt paving and utilities construction while working on hundreds of projects statewide and constructing tens of thousands of lane miles.
- **We represented M. Luis Products, LLC throughout Maryland Department of Transportation Minority Business Program Certification**, resulting in M. Luis Products' certification as one of only two Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) certified asphalt manufacturers and the only Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)/WBE in the State of Maryland.
- **O'Riordan Bethel congratulates CEEPCO Contracting, LLC's Harold Charles upon his recent appointment to the Interim Commission for the Reconstruction of Haiti (IHRC).** Mr. Charles has accepted one of Haiti's four executive branch positions on the IHRC, which is co-chaired by the Hon. William Jefferson Clinton and Haiti's former Prime Minister, the Hon. Jean Max Bellerive. The mandate of the IHRC is to conduct strategic planning and coordination and implement resources from bilateral and multilateral donors, non-governmental organizations, and the business sector, with all necessary transparency and accountability.

The appointment acknowledges Mr. Charles' deep experience with emergency management, his business vision, and his deep commitment to sustainable reconstruction and institutional development with integrity within Haiti. CEEPCO provides architectural, engineering, environmental and construction services to commercial and government organizations, and currently is performing contracts for the White House, US EPA, NAVFAC and US AID. O'Riordan Bethel is honored to have assisted CEEPCO in its work in Haiti and here in the U.S. for more than six years.

- **We continue to guide multiple clients through D.C. DOT, WMATA, VDOT, Virginia DMBE, DC DSLB, and U.S. Small Business Administration certification**, including, in the just the last several months:
 - Russell Paving Co., Inc., Church Creek, Maryland (MDOT DBE/MBE)

- Island Contracting, Inc., Greenbelt, Maryland (U.S. SBA 8(a)BD)
- M. Luis Products, LLC, Rockville, Maryland (MDOT MBE)

We are excited to share some of our recent successes with you:

- In August, Executive Partner Pamela J. Bethel was once again called on to teach the subject of developments in legal ethics to a nationwide gathering of lawyers at the **National Bar Association Annual Conference** in Baltimore.
- Managing Partner Carol L. O'Riordan has also been tapped for multiple speaking engagements:
 - In March, Carol was a panelist in the **Women and Veterans Entrepreneurs (WAVE)** session on best practices for growing businesses. In July, **O'Riordan Bethel sponsored WAVE's first Matchmaking Event**, which gave women and veteran owned businesses the opportunity to meet with small business representatives from more than fourteen federal agencies and prime contractor organizations.
 - On September 7, 2011, Carol will return to **Women Business Consortium's Power Conference in Bethesda, Maryland**, this year in two roles:
 - In the morning, Carol will be part of a panel that discusses **teaming, partnering and strategic alliances** as a marketing tool.
 - Later that day, **Carol and Washington Consulting Corporation's Laura Rojas** will speak about setting a global strategy, finding resources and guidance, and identifying opportunities for business growth in global markets.
 - On October 6, 2011, Carol joins Athena Construction, Inc.'s Amber Peebles and GSA officials in a panel discussion of Partnering to Win / Breaking the Plateau at the **GSA Annual Small Business Conference** in Washington, DC. GSA anticipates that the panel's topic will generate so much interest that it has scheduled two sessions: 10:45-11:45 a.m., and 1 - 2 p.m.

O'Riordan Bethel has launched a BLAWG. In it, Pam, Carol and Tom Cassidy address issues that are at the heart of our practice in government contracts, construction law, business, finance, government affairs and white collar crime. Recent posting topics included developments in enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, diversity initiative requirements at FHFA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the Federal Home Loan Banks, and the new and more aggressive position taken by the SEC with respect to insider trading.

Take a look and let us know what you think. www.ORBLawg.com If you like it, tell us and tell others: **Use this form** to nominate us for the ABA's BLAW 100!

O'Riordan Bethel has been certified to participate in the Small Business Administration 8(a) business development program. O'Riordan Bethel can now pursue federal government contracts leveraging opportunities set aside for 8(a) companies as well as sole source contracts.

The 8(a) program is designed to assist socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs gain access to the massive federal government contracting market. It provides access to training and support over the course of nine years as participants establish a solid foundation in government contracting. Having long assisted program applicants and counseled participants, O'Riordan Bethel is proud to have been selected for the program, and looks forward to providing sophisticated and creative legal and consulting solutions to federal clients in the civilian and defense agencies and departments.

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