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**Record attendance at MDX’s for Business Conference**

**MIAMI – September 23, 2016** - MDX held its 11th annual MDX for Business Conference Wednesday September 22, 2016. The conference was an opportunity for businesses to meet key MDX personnel and network with current vendors and contractors to establish strong connections and make the most of public and corporate contracting opportunities.

The MDX for Business Conference was attended by more than 260 individuals, making it the most attended conference in 11 years. With more than 200 diverse small and local companies representing a broad spectrum of industries ranging from transportation and construction, to engineering, marketing, digital advertising, banking, bond transaction, legal services, software development, etc.



This year’s guest speaker was Virginia Deputy Secretary of Transportation Grindly Johnson. Secretary Johnson was recently a recipient of one of The Women Who Move the Nation Award from the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Secretary Johnson provided the small, local and minority owned companies attending the conference some insightful advice on partnering and winning contracts with the transportation industry and government in general. Secretary Johnson lauded MDX for exceeding the goals that the federal and state governments have achieved of close to 10% as compared to the 35% to 40% that MDX has paid in service contracts to small and local businesses.



“This is another example of MDX reaching out to address the needs of our community,” said MDX Chairman Louis Martinez. “Every company starts out as a small business, and providing an avenue where business can forge partnerships while learning how to holistically grow their company will benefit our local economy through the economic multiplier effect.”

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“At the core of MDX’s mission, the Agency reinvests 100% of its revenue into bettering our community, quality of life for our residents and business, and moving people and goods throughout the county,” said Javier Rodriguez, MDX Executive Director. “What better way can we accomplish this than by having created more than 23,000 jobs over the past 20 years. In the past five years from 2012 to 2016, MDX has paid more than \$172 million in service contracts to small and local businesses in Miami-Dade County.”

“In addition to hosting this annual event geared to small and local businesses, MDX provides free certification training opportunities for local residents in our community seeking employment opportunities in transportation infrastructure construction,” said Helen Cordero, MDX Manager of Procurement and Contracts Administration.

MDX is dedicated to contributing to the local economy and actively reaches out to the community, empowering businesses to gain additional professional experiences. To learn more about MDX for business visit [www.mdxway.com/doing\\_business/economic\\_development](http://www.mdxway.com/doing_business/economic_development).

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#### **About MDX**

*MDX operates and maintains five user-supported expressways in Miami-Dade County – **SR 112/Airport Expressway, SR 836/Dolphin Expressway, SR 874/Don Shula Expressway, SR 878/Snapper Creek Expressway, and SR 924/Gratigny Parkway.** MDX expressways are funded by toll revenue, which is reinvested back into the community and funds the construction of projects that alleviate traffic congestion, create thousands of local jobs and provide new opportunities to small and local businesses. The agency also gives back a portion of its annual revenue to drivers through the MDX Cash Back Toll Dividend Program.*