



## **“Partnering With Communities on Major Projects to Assure Success in DBE Participation, Diversity in Employment and Workforce Development”**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation’s (ConnDOT) New Britain-Hartford Busway Project has been selected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to host a workshop on workforce development and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) capacity building. Connecticut was one of five states in the nation selected to collaborate with FHWA and FTA to launch this workshop. The other states selected include; Colorado, Arizona, New York, and Indiana.

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce community partnering as a process to engage more women and minorities in construction careers and to improve the ability of DBE firms to compete for contracting opportunities on federal transportation projects. ConnDOT will be inviting community organizations, minority and women owned businesses, prime contractors, industry organizations, and other stakeholders to participate.

The workshop will be conducted as a 1-1/2 day event and will be held on August 11 & 12, 2010, in Hartford, CT. The workshop will introduce successful community engagement models that have been developed and used in other States.

ConnDOT will provide a project overview and discuss potential contracting opportunities. Discussion sessions will be held as part of the workshop and will be used to solicit input and recommendations on actions ConnDOT can take to increase the opportunities for contracting and employment opportunities on ConnDOT Projects.