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Calendar Listing and Media Advisory **Summit on Diversity in Construction**

*Forum to explore practical applications and proven strategies
for increasing diversity on development projects*

WHO: *Massachusetts* Lieutenant Governor and Keynote Speaker **Karyn Polito**; Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including Chair **Cathy Judd-Stein** and Commissioners **Eileen O'Brien** and **Bruce Stebbins**, and Director of Workforce, Diversity and Supplier Development **Jill Griffin**; *Smith College* Professor **Carrie Baker**; *Worcester City Manager* **Edward M. Augustus Jr.**; *New England Carpenters Labor Management Program* Director of Strategic Partnerships **Lisa Clauson**; *UMass Building Authority* Compliance Analyst **Maggie Drouineaud**; *Shawmut Design and Construction* Project Executive and Regional Director **Mike Kearns**; *Building Pathways* Executive Director and *Northeast Center for Tradeswomen's Equity* Co-Founder **Mary Vogel**; *MGM Resorts International* Vice President of Construction and Development **Brian Packer**; and *In Order Business Development Solutions, Inc.* President and CEO **Shelley Webster**.

WHAT: The event will feature a robust discussion about tactics to enhance diversity and incorporate inclusion principles on construction job sites. At the summit, key stakeholders will share promising practices and proven strategies for increasing the number and percentage of women, minority individuals, and veterans participating as labor and suppliers on development projects.

Lt. Governor **Karyn Polito** will deliver the keynote address.

WHY: Construction remains an industry under-accessed by women and people of color, particularly in Central and Western Massachusetts. This forum offers an opportunity to learn from other institutions' successes including Massachusetts casinos, several local colleges, public construction projects, and non-profit organizations.

When construction sites reflect the diversity of the Commonwealth, infrastructure turns buildings into bridges by ensuring economic opportunity for all. As construction continues to boom statewide, let's take this opportunity to collaborate on a regional model that represents and celebrates our shared commitment to diversity and inclusion.

WHERE: Smith College Conference Center, 49 College Lane, Northampton, MA

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

EVENT REGISTRATION: To attend the event, please complete this [registration form](#).



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