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NeighborWorks Housing Solutions to hold webinar and panel discussion on ways to increase diversity in construction and development

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NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions (NHS), a leading housing service provider in southern Massachusetts, will hold a webinar and panel discussion exploring strategies to increase diversity in the construction and housing development industries on Thursday, May 5th via Zoom from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to review state agency guidance and learn how one local municipality and General Contractors have been successful in meeting Minority & Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) participation goals in development projects.

Panelists will include:

André Barbour, diversity & inclusion director, NEI General Contracting
Benjamin Coulehan, director of preconstruction, NEI General Contracting
John Curtis, president, Curtis Construction Co.
Robert Jenkins, executive director, Brockton Redevelopment Authority
Will Morgan, affordable housing project manager, CEDAC
Travis Watson, director of racial equity and community engagement, MHIC

A Q & A session will follow the presentation at which time webinar participants can discuss their challenges in achieving diversity goals and address what can be done, individually and collectively, to ensure increased MWBE participation throughout the region.

"This timely webinar will address how we all must work together to expand opportunities in development and strengthen capacity," said Robert Corley, CEO of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions. "We invite all stakeholders, from general contractors to state and local officials, subcontractors and developers, to join us on May 5th and learn strategies to meet and exceed minority and women business enterprise participation goals."

For registration and additional information or to submit specific questions, contact Maureen Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@nhsmass.org.