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## **BECMA awards \$10,000 to KB-MAC for electric vehicle kickstarter program**

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Boston, MA The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA) awarded \$10,000 as a part of its electric vehicle (EV) kickstarter program to KB-MAC, a Dorchester-based electric contractor born from a partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 103 and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) to bring greater diversity, equity, and inclusion to Boston's union construction industry.

KB-Mac's president, Kenell Broomstein has a commitment to creating jobs and economic opportunities for women and people of color in Massachusetts. The grant from BECMA will provide funds to KB-MAC to build and maintain infrastructure for efficient and reliable charging of electric vehicles, and more.

Empower DEI, a support program guided by Local 103 IBEW and NECA Boston, for experienced, licensed minority and women electricians seeking to open their own businesses, helped to forge a pathway for KB-MAC. Now, through the program, KB-MAC is able to support the advancement of women and people of color seeking to progress in the building trades. Broomstein sits on the Empower DEI Board.

"I am honored to receive this grant from BECMA, and I am grateful for the organization's continued support," said Broomstein. "This funding will help us to expand our business and create new opportunities in installing and maintaining the complex electrical systems that are involved in electric vehicle charging."

"IBEW Local 103 is proud to partner with KB-MAC on their mission to empower and support women and people of color in the union construction industry," said Kristen Gowin, executive manager, NECA Boston. "Our contractors are leading the way in transitioning to clean energy and resilient infrastructure. We are grateful to BECMA for supporting the growth and success of local Black-owned and union businesses in Massachusetts."

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