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**NCDOT's Office of Civil Rights Seeking Stakeholder Participation**

**DURHAM** – The N.C. Department of Transportation's [Office of Civil Rights](#) (OCR) is inviting stakeholders not limited to but including: small businesses, general contractors, suppliers and supportive and professional service providers, to participate in the department's next session of it's 2018 [Community Engagement Series](#).

"This series is designed to offer networking and learning opportunities for contractors, consultants and other companies seeking to do business with NCDOT, and is being hosted in each of [NCDOT's 14 Highway Divisions](#) throughout the remainder of 2018," said Chief Deputy Secretary David Howard.

"OCR's motto is to 'Recruit, Train, Retain and Grow,' and this series is a conduit for us to execute that mission on behalf of the department and the taxpayers of this great state," said Office of Civil Rights Director Shelby Scales.

The next meeting in the series will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, on the campus of North Carolina Central University inside the [NCCU School of Law](#) building at 640 Nelson Street, Durham.

NCDOT is committed to ensuring that no person shall – on the grounds of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, income status, sex, age or disability – be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any NCDOT program or activity, as provided by [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) and other related nondiscrimination laws and authorities.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in the Series. Anyone requiring special services should contact: Mark Whisenant at 919-508-1822 or [mawhisenant@ncdot.gov](mailto:mawhisenant@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

For more information contact: NCDOT Office of Civil Rights at (919) 508-1808 or [ncdotocr@ncdot.gov](mailto:ncdotocr@ncdot.gov).

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