

From Hard Hats to Handbags: How Angela Boone Built a New Dream

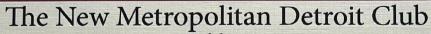
Angela Boone isn't new to building things—she's just swapped steel beams for stitching seams. As a powerhouse in the construction industry for over 35 years, Angela has led projects ranging from a \$400,000 commercial renovation to overseeing a staggering \$1.5 billion capital improvement program for a major school district. Her work left a lasting mark on city skylines and public infrastructure, managing teams, timelines, and tight deadlines with grace and grit.

But after decades of leading in a male-dominated field, life presented a new challenge—and a new calling. When her father suffered a stroke and she found herself laid off from her job, Angela returned to something that had always been close to her heart: design. This time, not of buildings, but of handbags, accessories, and streetwear.

Drawing from her background in interior design and her lifelong love for fashion, Angela launched Angelique Collections, a brand focused on handcrafted, one-of-a-kind handbags made with artistic flair and creative precision. What began at her kitchen table with scraps of newspaper and old magazines turned into a full-blown business, where every pattern is her own and every bag is a statement of originality.

From that foundation, she introduced Extraordinary D, a bold streetwear line featuring embroidered logos, hand-painted hoodies, and wearable art pieces that empower self-expression.

Angela Boone is living proof that the tools may change, but the builder's heart remains the same. Whether she's overseeing a billion-dollar school project or handcrafting a leather tote, she's always building—this time, it's a legacy of creativity, courage, and reinvention.





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Most Recent Projects

Company:

Project: Exchange/Final Clean

2023

LiftBuild

Project Amount: \$90K

Company: Barton Malow

Wayne County Jail/Janitorial

2023

Project Amount: \$170K

Company: Christman

985 Michigan/IRS/Final Cleaning/Janitorial

2023

Project Amount: 152K

Company: Brinker/Christman

Book Towers/Final Cleaning

2022

Project Amount: \$58K

Company: Kasco Construction Inc.

Royal Oak Manor/Final Cleaning

2022

Project. Amount: \$84K

Company: Kasco Construction Inc.

Riverview Towers Apartments/Final Cleaning

2020

Project Amount: \$67K

Projects

Company: Kasco Construction Inc.

LaBelle Towers Co-op Apartments/Final Cleaning

2020

Project Amount: \$67K



Past Project Experience

Company: BCI

Project: Renovation

2015-2017

Project Amount: \$395K

Description of Project: Working directly with the SBA on behave of the Owner. Preparation of Project cost estimate, review of same with Owner. Preparation of Project cost estimate, review of same with Owner, and obtaining Owner's approval thereof. Preparation of work schedule for Project. Preparation and submission of application for development and/or building permit for Project if applicable. Contracting all Contractors for the project, obtaining quotes and bids, reviewing same with Owner, and supervision of such Contractors on behalf of Owner. Supervising day to day work on Project, Counseling Owner in respect to Builder' Lien holdbacks applicable to the Project. Ensuring for Owner that all Contractors engaged in Project properly perform their duties and rectify deficiencies. Reviewing progress claims and invoices of all Contractors on the Project before submission to Owner for payment. Ensuring that the construction corresponds to the Project plans and specifications, subject to any approved changes. Keeping project on schedule and within budget.

Company: Honeywell International Project: Energy Management/Retrofit

2008-2009

Projects & Project Amount:

Lenawee County Judicial Building \$3.3M—plus

Covert Schools - \$3 million

Lenawee County Judicial Building - \$4 million

Lenawee County Jail - \$3 million

Jewish Community Center - \$3million Carman-Ainsworth School District \$15 million

City of Battle Creek - \$6 million

Glen Oaks Community College - \$10 million

Description of Project: Energy HVAC Temperature Control Upgrade or Replaced; Mechanical Upgrade; Lighting Retrofit; Building Envelope Improvements; Door replacement and Masonry Repairs; Replace Boilers; Install New Boilers for pool, Pumps and Chiller, etc.

Company: Brush Park Development

Project: Renovation

Description of Project: Converting a mansion into condos

Time Frame: 2001-2002 Project Amount: \$700K

Company: Detroit Water & Sewerage Department

Project: Water Works Park II

Description of Project: Working as a subcontractor as part of the design team with the Detroit

Water Team for the Water Works Park II Project a design/build

project, generally comprised of design, construction, and maintenance of a new Water Works Park II Water Treatment Plant and demolition of the

existing Water Works Park Treatment Plant.

 Time Frame:
 1999 – 2002.

 Contact Person:
 Frank Hayden

 Phone Number:
 (313) 964-9460

Project Amount: \$275M

Responsibility includes, but not limited to, inspecting concrete structures and coordination of concrete pours.

Company: Metro Energy LLC

Project: Midfield Terminal "Power Plant"

Description of Project: This facility will ultimately provide hot water for heating, chilled

water for cooling and electrical energy for the new Midfield Terminal.

Time Frame: December 1999 – October 2000.

Contact Person: Jim Boyle **Phone Number:** (412) 322-6158

Project Amount: \$2.8M

Responsibility includes, but not limited to, construction management, coordination of contractors, progress pay application review, project administration, document control, contract document preparation and construction inspection.

Past Project Experience Continues

Company: TES Consultants

Project: Business Development

Description of Project: Wayne County Community College

2006-2007

Project Amount: \$95K

Company: Greater Grace Temple
Project: City of David Park Project

Description of Project: Project Manager over the entire construction

of the new park.

2004-2004

Time Frame: 6 months
Project Amount: 400K

Company: Detroit Public School

Project: Howe Elementary School part of a 1.5 billion capital improve-

ment

Description of Project: program . Working as part of the construction management team

with American International for the Detroit Public School project, generally comprised of construction of a new Elementary school

and demolition of existing school.

Time Frame: 2001-2001 Project Amount: \$15M

Company: Wayne CountyFreddie Mac
Project: Highland Park Home Renovation

Description of Project: Renovation of Homes for owner occupancy.

Time Frame: 2 month time frame for each home

Project Amount: Varies

Company: City of Detroit Housing Commission

Project: Sheridan Place I & II

Description of Project: Working as a general contractor for the rehab to a fire damage

apartment unit.

Time Frame: 2001-2001

Project Amount: \$84K

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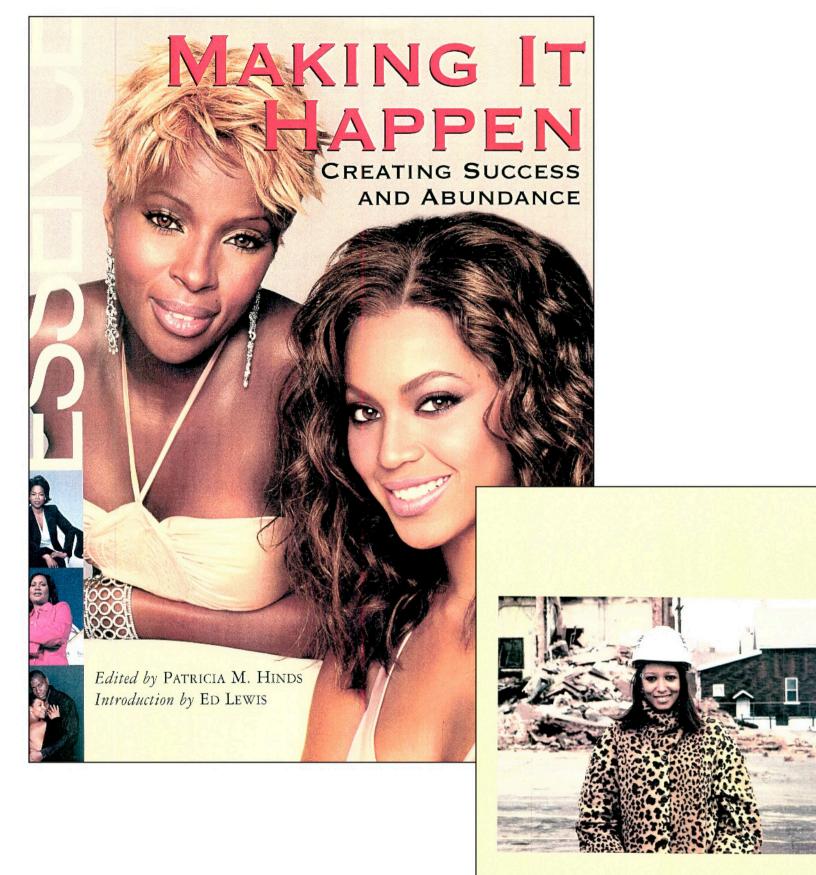












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ANGELA BOONE

For Angela Boone, the choice between wearing heels or hard hats to work is a nobrainer. As owner of Boone International, a full-service construction and engineering design firm in Detroit, this 43-year-old has built her career—quite literally—from the ground up. She has won major state contracts, one for a whopping \$275 million, during her seven years in business. A savvy engineer and entrepreneur, Boone is working to tear down stereotypes about Black women in construction—and women in general—one brick at a time.

THE GIFT OF FREEDOM

"When I first started this business in 1997, I had only \$700 in savings. I was a single parent and struggling financially. A friend asked me what I wanted for my birthday, and I realized that the best gift I could possibly receive was the opportunity to leave my full-time job as a manufacturing engineer at General Motors. So he bought me an office space with a desk, a fax machine, a file cabinet and three phone lines. I left my job and have never looked back. There were days when the lights, gas and phones got cut off, but since I loved what I was doing, the sacrifices were worth it."

ODD WOMAN OUT

"In the construction business, first you've got to convince people that as a woman you know what you're doing. And then you've got to show them that as a Black person you're good at it. There is a lot of discrimination, and it's a constant struggle. There were times when I've gotten so discouraged that I wanted to give up. But through it all, I get a lot of satisfaction from bucking the odds and working to be one of the best."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

"I have had a love for design and construction for as long as I can remember. When I was a little girl, I built a big house for my Barbie dolls out of furniture in my mother's house. Construction has always been my passion. That, and my faith in God, is what keeps me going when times get rough."

BUSINESS IS BOOMING

"In 1999 my company was chosen to build a watertreatment plant here in Detroit, and it was our first contract. At \$250 million, that was a huge opportunity. I now have 12 employees and I hire independent contractors for each project."

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

"One way that I stay connected to myself, in addition to all my work, is through community service. One of my biggest goals has always been to open a high-school trade academy. Because I've never been the type of person who enjoyed traditional schooling, I thought it would be helpful to provide technical training to kids who may not want to go to college, but want to learn career-building skills. I hope to open that school in the future."

MAKING IT HAPPEN

"Always be prepared for disappointments when going into business. In the beginning I had some rough times. You have to be prepared, have faith and know that God will handle the rest."





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HOW I DID IT

RAISING THE ROOF

ngela Boone doesn't mind wearing a hard hat, construction boots and overalls. They're everyday attire for this president and CEO of Detroit's Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. Her first exposure to the industry was as a construction-company office assistant in the mid-1980's. Other jobs followed. But ten years later, Boone found herself back in construction, where she rose to become a project engineer.

In 1997, using \$700 in savings, she started her own construction company and landed a contract to inspect concrete structures on a \$275 million renovation project at a water-treatment plant. She soon got other contracts, including a \$2.8 million job building an energy center for Detroit Metro Airport.

With plans to expand her six-employee company to other locations in the Midwest, Boone, 40, is capitalizing on Detroit's housing boom. She has teamed up with a large construction company in a \$750,000 joint-venture project to convert an old, historic turn-of-the century mansion into condos. Here's how she nailed it: GETTING STARTED: "I leased a small office and started my business part-time while working as an engineer

at General Motors Corp. I was hoping to subcontract my firm's services to other companies, and I sent off more than 100 proposals. But a year later I still hadn't gotten my first contract. So I refocused and quit my job to run the business full-time."

KNOWING THE BUSINESS: "It's a never-ending struggle for African-American females in the industry. You have to prove that you're ready and capable. But I get the job done and know what I'm doing, I know more about the industry than some of the men. I just want equal opportunity and equal treatment."

SHATTERING STEREOTYPES: "Female contractors are viewed as little girls playing on the big boys' playing field. The fact that I'm a female-owned construction company means I have to excel." - TENISHA MERCER

MAKING MONEY IN REAL

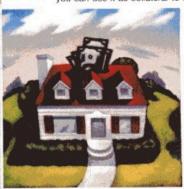
You can build a fortune in real estate from raw land to residential commercial complexes, and you can do it on borrowed money, says Tyler G. Hicks in his book How to Make Big Money in Real Estate (Prentice Hall Press). And once you acquire some real estate, you can use it as collateral to borrow more money to take over more income-produc-

ing real estate. Foreclosures-properties that have been taken back because money is owed and unpaid-are a good place to begin building realestate wealth, he suggests. "Many foreclosed properties are offered to the public at sharply reduced prices because the lender just wants the money owed." With foreclosures, according to Hicks, you: Get big value for small dollars.

- Can quickly build a sizable holding of valuable properties.
- Have a wide choice of properties, letting you pick those that will be best for your financial future. With a steady job, you should not have any trouble qualifying for real-estate loans in bad times, Hicks says. Once you decide how much money you'll need to get started, contact lenders that make such

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Women in Construction

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and construction industries. All of the sisters credit their mother, Marilyn Marshall, for instilling in them the belief that there wasn't anything that women couldn't do.

Angela Boone Wants More Opportunities For Minorities And Women

Angela Boone, 40, president of Boone Management & Consulting, Inc., of Detroit and Boone Ferlito Construction, is working to expand



Angela Boone

opportunities for women and minorities in the construction business.

Boone strongly feels that some native Detroit minority female contractors, who deserve a piece of the pie in the city, are too often taking the back seat to out-of-town contractors.

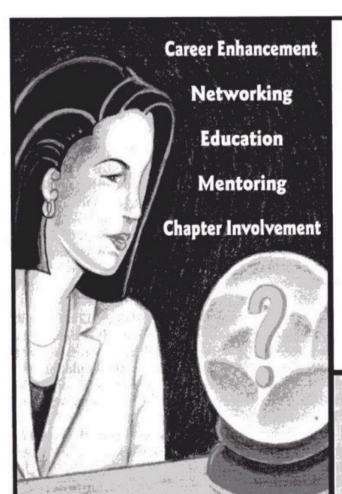
"This situation leaves us with feelings of mixed emotions, anger, disappointment and a sense of unfair treatment," Boone said.

After Boone successfully completed the Focus: Hope Fast Track Career

Development Program in 1995, she entered into the Machinist Training Institute (MTI), a division of Focus: Hope, where she fulfilled the introductory and core machinist programs. Ranked in the top 10 of her class, Boone trained in machine tool manufacturing and design principles. She is academically skilled in math, blueprint reading, shop theory, drafting, computer aided design (CAD) and communications. Based on education and hands-on-training, she is qualified to operate a variety of lathes and mills.

Boone established Boone Management & Consulting, Inc. in 1997, after resigning from her position with a minority-owned construction company in Detroit.

"Our goal is to continue to provide construction management/general contracting services to municipal entities and corporations. The combined diversity of our employees in the construction industry provides over 20 years of experience in construction and project management,



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BLACK ENTERPRISE

Leaders talk about the past and future of minority-owned businesses in Detroit

A FRANK DISCUSSION

By ALEJANDRO RODIPO-MEMBA

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he history of business in Detroit is steeped in entrepreneurship, innovation and hard work.

And over the last 30 years, black

business owners in southeastern

Michigan have helped lead the community discussion about the city's future.

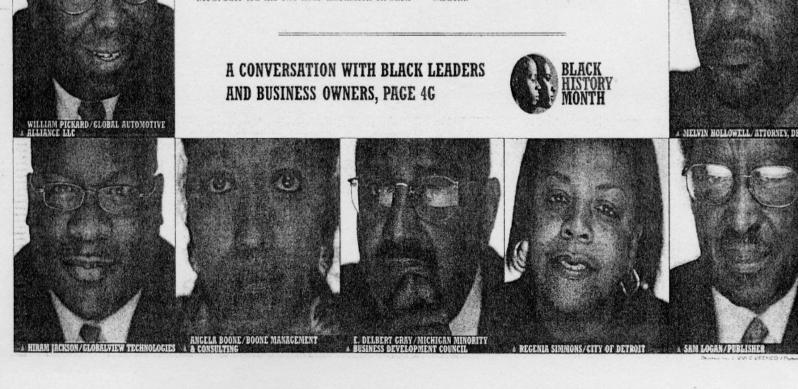
So the Detroit Free Press brought together II Detroit-area business and civic leaders during Black History Month to talk about the past, present and future of the region through the prism of black businesses.

Free Press Executive Editor Robert G. McGruder led the two-hour discussion on such topics as the national economy and its effect on black-owned businesses in Michigan, to challenges some smaller minority companies have in getting access to capital.

The panel was selected by the Free Press to encompass a diverse group of voices from the black business community.

"The purpose of this session is for all of us to get a deeper and greater appreciation of things that minority businesses do for our community," McGruder said. "We want to talk about the issues, the challenges and the successes, of course, of minority businesses in southeast Michigan.

"This is a great group. A lot of history . . . a lot of entrepreneurial spirit here, a lot of wisdom."



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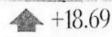
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UP AND COMERS

Fledgling entrepreneurs use metro Detroit's most successful black businesses as models



Angela Boone founded Boone Management and Consulting in 1997 after working in the business for

SUCCESS CHASE

ALEJANDRO BODIPO MEMBA

FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

ngela Boone and Hiram Jackson are two Detroiters who aspire to have among southeastern Michigan's top-ranked black-owned busi-

Both run companies on the way up that have a long way to



Airlines get mixed report card

More delays offset service gain

By DANIEL G. FRICKER

Airlines are treating passengers better than they were 18 months ago. But they're still not doing enough to remedy the root cause of travelers' dissatisfaction - flight cancellations and delays, a federal report said.

Since signing a 12-point customer service pledge in June 1999, airlines have done well on quoting the lowest fares and responding quickly to complaints, according to a report issued Monday by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General.

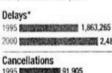
It said airlines also are competing for passengers by offering more legroom, portable check-in stations and larger overhead haggage compartments.

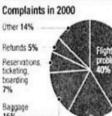
"But the airlines, airports, the Federal Aviation Administration and, most important, the traveling public know the aviation system is not working well," the report said.

In 2000, 163 million passengers were inconvenienced when airlines delayed, canceled or diverted flights, the report said. Compared to 1999, the number of cancellations jumped 21 percent and delays were up 19 per cent. The delays also were long-

PASSENGER COMPLAINTS

In 2000, more than one in four fligh were delayed, canceled or diverte affecting about 163 million passengers. Here is a look at the t complaints for last year.





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Dingell, D-Mich., said about report. "It also says the gove ment has done nothing ab

Dingell plans to introduce airline competition and pass ger rights bill at the end of

Booming business

What: Construction managers

President/CEO: Angela Boone: 39

Address: Book Building, 1249 Wash-

ment & Consulting Inc.

and builders

Employees: Five

Name: Boone Construction Manage

Business

Construction firm owner tears down stereotypes

Metro Detroit woman finds male-dominated industry offers rewards.

DNESDAY, JULY 12, 2000

By Tenisha Mercer The Detroit News

Angela Boone isn't squeamish bout getting her hands dirty; nor is she afraid to wear a hard hat, construction boots and overalls.

Boone, 39, is president of Boone Construction Management & Consulting Inc., one of the few femaleowned and operated construction companies in Metro Detroit, local construction trade officials said. But Boone doesn't let that detract her. She chuckles at the surprised looks she gets from men when they discover she owns a construction company or the male caller who insisted on speaking to the owner, Mr. Boone.

"Being a woman in the construction industry is hard, but it's well worth it." Boone said. "I don't want people to_ look at me as a woman, but as a person. I can do the job just as well or better than anyone else."

According to the Construction Association of Michigan, a 4,000member trade group in Bloomfield Hills, female-owned and operated companies only account for 0.5 percent to percent of their members.

'It's a male-dominated industry, traditionally passed down from father to son," said Brenda Zimmerman, director of industry affairs. "Most young girls don't dream of becoming a plumber, and construction isn't the first thing on most young women's minds when they're considering a career."

Boone was first exposed to the construction industry as an office assistant at a construction company in the mid-1980s. Other jobs followed, including eight years as a typesetter for Ameritech and a two-year stint owning nail salons in Detroit and Southfield. Boone got back into the industry in the mid-1990s as a technical assistant at PMA Engineering and Consulting and

spent two years as a project engineer assistant at Jenkins Construction Co., where she did everything from helping manage projects to dealing with clients.

With little savings, Boone decided to start her company in 1997. Her first job? Inspecting concrete structures for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department's \$275-million Water Works Park II Water Treatment plant.

"Her company has done a very good job and she does quality work," said Gary Meyerhofer, who manages subcontractors as project director for the Detroit Water Team, the contractor for the Water Works Park Water Treatment Co.

Boone was recently awarded a \$2.8million contract to build an energy center for Detroit Metropolitan Airport's midfield terminal.

While much of Boone's work has centered around construction management - making sure work schedules are followed, costs are within budget and monitoring job sites - Boone would eventually like to pursue residential construction projects and manage facilities for building owners.

"Now that we're out here, I just want others to know that we're capable of doing the work."



ment and consulting firm is building a solid base.



Photos by Max Ortiz / The Detroit News he many display cases at the



HIGHLAND PARK WATER RESERVOIR

City's 90-year-old reservoir stores 34 million gallons of untreated water from Lake St. Clair.



Angela Boone's construction management company has been awarded the \$2.8-million contract to build an energy center for Detroit Metropolitan Airport's midfield terminal.

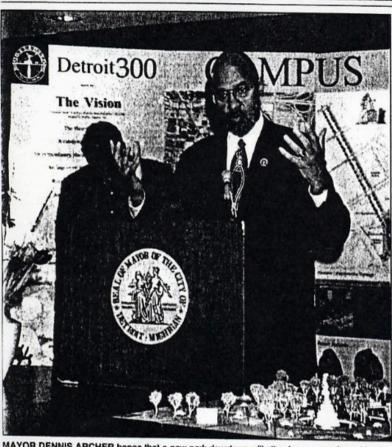
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MAYOR DENNIS ARCHER hopes that a new park downtown will attract more people and inspire development in the city's central business district. — James Campbell photo

Detroit banks on new park

By Michael Goodin
HRONICLE SENIOR EDITOR

A lot of hopes are riding on the roposed Campus Martius Park.

Detroit's mayor hopes the park ill represent the inclusiveness of owntown for all citizens.

Developers of Campus Martius, 1 ambitious multi-use developent that will be anchored by ompuware's new headquarters, ope the park will jump start interst in the office and retail space tey're building.

Detroit 300, the nonprofit trientennial celebration commission, opes the park will be a part of its egacy to the city.

It is a lot to put on the shoulders of the Campus Martius Park Task orce — a group of city planners, levelopers and civic leaders — and second small group of designers nd engineers. But last week, Mayor Dennis Archer, Larry Givens, vice hairman of Detroit 300, and the ask force unveiled the working lesign for a new look at the 1.6-acre pace that is planned at the site

where the streets Michigan, Woodward. Monroe, Fort and Cadillac Square share their points of origin.

"The goal I placed before the task force was to create a park unique to the city of Detroit." Archer said. "The challenge was to create the best public space possible. This park set the bar for new public spaces — offering the restdents of the city, is well as 1th visitors, a truly special experience that will make people from around the country want to see it."

This point of origin — where Augustus Woodward stood in 1807 to lay out his vision that would lead the streets to jet out and eventually cross the entire state — according to plans for 2002, will, gradually become a park with beautiful gardens and plant displays surrounding lawns for strolling or sitting, and a center for non-stop activities, water displays, sculptures and interactive art projects. Surrounding the entire natural structure will be a newly configured Woodward Avenue that acts as a turnaround and connector to all of Detroit's

major thoroughfares.

New green space in Cadillac Square will act as a performance court with a lawn to pull people from the Wayne County Building.

See The Park page A-4 ▶

Paving a road for success

Local engineering firm's growth highlights development in southeastern Michigan

By Marcus Amick

No one speaks higher of what development in southeastern Michigan has meant for minority businesses than Paul Tucker, president of Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull Inc. (TYJT), a civil engineering firm involved in the Campus Martius project.

See Tucker page A-4 ▶

Women left behind by the city?

Female contractors demand fair treatment

Lolita Standifer CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Upon entering the city, visitors and residents are greeted by the slogan, "It's a great time in Detroit!"

For two contractors, the slogan is a joke. They claim it's a bad time to be a female and African American in the Motor City. Moreover, women business owners are being ridiculed and disrespected on the Job.

Discrimination against female contractors has led to unfair practices for distributing city contracts and created a hostile work environment for women, according to Angela Boone, CEO and president of Boone Management and Consulting.

The problem has become so widespread throughout the state that Boone organized a recent meeting before the Detroit City Council to address the problem.

Boone, with support from Sharon Richards Truvillion, Richards Trucking Corp. and president of the African American Trucking Association of Contractors, told City Council that female contractors are eliminated from the bidding process because the deals are made before the bids get to the table. She said the city awards many of Detroit's big projects to out-of-town contractors who look unfavorably upon Detroit-based contractors.

"We have out-of-town contractors who come here and stay for a year to get their certification." Boone said. "Once they get their certification. they end up getting the whole project and then they don't want to use us. Then they have the 30-percent minority rule that they have a goal for and still they don't even fulfill all of the requirements for that in a lot of instances. What we need is for the council to help us and get our businesses out here."

Boone's company is certified with the city of Detroit, Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Transportation. It was awarded contracts with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Water Works Park II water treatment plant and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Midfield Terminal, but has never held a con-

tract with the city of Detroit.

Truvillion's company has a blanket contract with the Detroit Llons Ford Field (her company is called back annually) and is also one of the sub-contractors on the Compuware project. Her company employs more than 60 perecent of Detroit's independent truckers. Michigan Contractors and Builders magazine named her Woman of the Year, yet still she experiences blatant sexism by general contractors on work sites. Truvillion said she was told to keep quiet and be happy with whatever she got by a general contractor on a work site.

Boone and Truvillion said the problem of discrimination has become so pervasive in the competition for city of Detroit contracts that they want City Council to use its power under the city charter to secure city contracts and equal representation.

The mayor's office has consistently argued that it has pressed for adherence to Executive Order 22 hiring goals. The city's Human Rights Dept. reported the casinos and Comerica Park surpassed targeted those goals.

Councilwoman Brenda Scott said they've had problems with the allocation of city contracts in the past with Black male-owned contracting companies. She said she reluctantly supported the Compuware project because of these issues.

"It's a crime and a shame that in a city that's well over 80 percent African American, we treat African American businesses in this city as if they're a minority," Scott said.

Scott said the unfair treatment of Blacks and women contractors will continue until the City Council and mayor exercise their powers to stop illegal practices of big businesses and the hiring of out-of-town general contractors.

"This has been a long-term problem (hiring out-of-town contractors)," she said. "That's a question that ought to be posed to the administration because they claim folks are still getting business but there's something wrong because we're still getting complaints."

City Council race off and running

Predictions of vacancies on the Detroit City Council have many candidates vying for the coveted seats.

Nicholas Hood III has thrown his hat into the mayoral race, meaning

Sergeans: Association, among other affiliations. He attends Annunciation Catholic Church and has been married to Ellen M. Logan, a 25-year employee of General Motors, for 30 years.

Judge strikes down U-M Law School's race admission policies

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Two high-powered brothers will share the spotlight Thursday at an awards dinner presented by the American Jewish Committee. Detroit chapter.

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Lloyd Semple, chairman of



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Semple's brother, the Pulitzer Prize-winning Robert Semple Jr., is expected to be on hand.

Lloyd Semple, who is chairman of the board of trustees of the Detroit Medical Center, spent untold hours last year shepherding the state's third-largest health system through a financial crisis. Robert Semple Jr., a New York Times editorial writer, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1996 for a series of Times editorials on Yellowstone National Park.

For further information on the

naissance Center, call (248) 646-

- David Barkholz

Greektown Casino files with gaming board on ownership

Greektown Casino L.L.C. submitted terms of an ownership transfer to the Michigan Gaming Control Board on Thursday. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians would increase its stake to 90 percent under the proposal, acquiring a 40 percent share held by Tec Gatzaros and Jim Papas. Log investors hold the remaining interest.

The value of the deal has not been disclosed but is estimated to be \$200 million to \$250 million. Gatzaros and Papas have stepped aside because of livensing problems. The gaming b is scheduled to vote on the transfer on July 11. A public evide tiary hearing must be held b fore the board can issue a gaming license to Detroit's third temporary casino.

- Al Slavin

Engineering program reaches funding goal early

The Detroit Area Pre-College Englneering Program has completed its \$7 million "Lighting the Spark" fund-raising campaign. It was intended to be a five-year camnaign but organizers reached

their goal in less than two years.

Reaching the goal early will allow DAPCEP to increase the number of students being taught pre-engineering skills from 6.500 to 10.000 by 2002. The campaign allows DAPCEP programs to be extended down to kindergarten and allows organizers to consider expanding the program beyond Detroit to neighboring school districts in highland Park, reetiac. Southfield and Ann Arbor.

- Joseph Serwach

Boone Construction signs deal to build airport energy center

Boone Construction Management & Consulting Inc. of Detroit signed a \$2.8 million contract with Metro Energy L.L.C. to build the energy center for the midfield terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Angela Boone, president and CEO of the company, said the construction should be complete by September.

Jennette Smith

Potok to buy Gann Bros

Potok Packing Co. is finishing an acquisition of Detroit-based Gann Bros. Farm Style Brand Sausage Co. The two companies will operate as a joint venture until the deal is complete, said Potok President Max Fynke.

The deal includes Gann Bros. plant on Michigan Avenue. Detroit-based Potok owns the Alcamo's. Meat King, Kennedy's and Virginia sausage brands. Fynke said he's interested in Gann Bros. because it's the only sausage maker in the Detroit area to use fresh-cut pork in fresh sausage, a type known as hotboned, whole-pork sausage.

Gann Bros. produces link. Italian-style and rolled sausage. Its brands are sold in Kroger. Meijer and Farmer Jack stores.

Fynke said there will be no lavoffs.

- Terry Kosdrosky

Keck now leading liquor board

ter Keck has been named acting chairman of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in the wake of the June 19 death of oman Jacquelyn Stewart. (See Week in Review, Page 38.)

Keck, a commissioner since er 1997, had several previroles at the commission including COO, deputy director of enforcement, and supervisor of hearings and appeals.

- Amy Lane

Detroit debt manager is now finance chief for DMC

Sean Werdlow has been named vice president of finance and treasurer of the Detroit Medical Center.

Werdlow worked five years as the debt manager for the city of Detroit, putting together a series of 12 refunding transactions that saved the city about \$31 million.

He also managed the city's \$1.2 billion investment portfolio.

- David Barkholz

Crain offices closed

The offices of Crain Communications Inc. will be closed Monday. July 3, and Tuesday, July 4.

CORRECTIONS

- On Page 2 of the June 12 edition, the number of Delphi Automotive Systems Corp. employees moving to Equis Corp.'s Delphi real estate team was stated incorrectly. It should have said as many as six Delphi corporate real estate staff members will join the Equis team
- A story on Page 46 of the June 19 issue reported an incorrect filing deadline for a petition that would let voters ban casinos along the Detroit River. The correct deadline was 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20.
- A story on Page 22 of the June 12 edition contained an incorrect spelling for attorney David Berry's last name.

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and his daughter, actress Shari Belafamed actor/singer Harry Belafonte service announcements Day weekend with the airing of public national spokesperson for prostate prostate cancer survivor. The campaign kicked off Father's Belafonte. leaturing another is the

> that women can wield in the health families, and because of the influence

See Awareness page A:4 ▶

Following an interview with Fieger

Tavis Smiley helps empower youth

learned about civic activities and presented their own workshops on political issues. — Brian Love photo ers (center) of New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and Isiah Thomas, formerly of the Detroit Pistons, About 112 Detroit youth participated in the program which took place last weekend at Wayne State University. They Tavis Smiley (left) received support for the Tavis Smiley Foundation program from the Rev. Kenneth Flow-Making an appearance in Detroit on behalf of his Youth to Leaders program, "BET Tonight" host and author

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Metro Airport contract awarded to Black female construction company

FrontPage newswire

Angela Boone, president/ GEO of Boone Construction Management & Consulting Inc. announced that her firm has signed a \$2,8 million contract with Metro Energy LLC, to build the energy center for the Midfield terminal for Northwest Airlines, Boone Construction is general contractor for the project. The construction started in December 1999 and will be completed by July 2000.

The 39-year-old Boone started her company in 1997. She received her first contract last June from the city of Detroit. Boone contributed to design, construction and maintenance of the Water Works Park II Water Treatment Plant and demolition of the existing plant

Boone moved into the Book Building in December 1999. They have a 2,000 sq. ft. office suit on the 26th floor The company has been certified by: DBE, MMBDC, USDOT and a number of other organizations.



GENERAL

'Rich getting richer, poor getting poorer' new report indicates

By J. T. Pride

A new study by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, a group established to continue the work of the Kerner Commission which was appointed by President Johnson in the 1960s, confirms what the earlier report found that our nation is moving toward two societies, one Black, one White - separate and unequal. The 1960s commission was set up by President Johnson to investigate the causes of the urban riots during that time.

The new study's findings note that substantial racial progress has been made since the Kerner Commission released its report. The Black middle class has grown to unprecedented levels, and the number of African American elected officials continues to rise today. The researchers say that the private market has falled inner cities, the prison system is a symbol of discrimination, and a class and racial breach is widening again as we begin the new millennium.

- •The top one percent of Americans have more wealth than the
- •About 40 percent of minority children attend urban schools, where more than half of the students are poor and fall to reach even

The report calls for the expansion of initiatives it says have the proven ability to close economic and social gaps, including Head Start, well-structured after-school programs, targeted job training and community-sensitive police strategies. Critics, however, say that this report is pessimistic, and dismiss its central findings as being out of sync with America's increasingly complex social and racial realities.

(This information excerpted from a recent Washington by Michael Fletcher)

Article Published in Essence Titled, Work and Wealth How I Did It Raising The Roof

Article Published in Michigan Contractor & Builder Weekly Job Book Titled

Women in Construction Women Make Progress in Construction



HOW I DID IT

RAISING THE ROOF

ngela Boone doesn't mind waaring a hard hat, construction boots and overalls. They're everyday, attire for this president and CEO of Dotroit's Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. Her first exposure to the industry was as a construction-company office assistant in the mid-1980's, Other jobs followed. But ten years later, Boans found herself back in construction, where she rose to become a project angineer.

In 1997, using \$700 in savings, she started her own construction company and landed a contract to inspect concrete structures on a \$275 million renovation project at a water-treatment plant. She soon got other con-

at a water-treatment plant. Sive soon got coner con-tracts, including a SSB million job building an energy center for Detroit Metro Airport. When plans to expand her six-employee company to other locations in the Midwest, Boone, 40, is capitatiz-ing on Detroit's housing boom. She has teamed up with a large construction company in a \$750,000 joint-ven-ture project to convert an old, historic turn-of-the can-tury mansion into condos. Here's how she nailed it: GETTING STARTED: "I leased a small office and started my business part-time while working as an engineer



at General Motors Corp. I was hoping to subcontra my firm's services to other companies, and I sent of more than 100 proposals. But a year later I still hadrit gollen my first contract. So I refocused and quil my job to run the business full-time."

KNOWING THE BUSINESS: "It's a never-ending strug-

gie for African-American females in the industry. the job done and know what I'm doing. I know more about the industry than some of the men. I just want equal opportunity and equal treatment."

SHATTERING STEREOTYPES: "Female contractors are viewed as little girls playing on the lolg boys' playing field. The fact that I'm a female-owned construction company means I have to excel."



Construction firm owner tears down stereotypes

Metro Detroit woman finds male-dominated industry offers rewards.

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UP AND COMERS

Fledgling entrepreneurs use metro Detroit's most successful black businesses as models



Airlines get mixed report card

More delays offset service gains

By DANIEL G. FRICKER

Airlines are treating passen-Airlines are treating passessing gress better than they were 18 mouths ago, But Exp're still not doing enough to execute the root cause of teacelers' dissociations and doing, a federal report said.

Since signing a 18 point customer service pledge in June 1999, airlines have done well on quoting the lowest fares and responding quickly to econoplants, according to a report issue according to a report issue.

PASSENGER COMPLAINTS

In 2000, more than one in four flights were debyed, centrated or diverted, affecting about 163 million passengers. Here is a look at the top complaints for lest year.

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A \$2.8 million Metro Airport con-A \$2.8 million Metro Airport contract was awarded to Angela Boone, president/CEO of Boone Construction Management & Consulting Inc. The contract with Metro Energy LLC to build the energy center for the midfield terminal for Northwest Airlines was signed by her company recently.

Boone, 39, started her company in 1997 and received her first contract last June from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Services provided by Boone's company include design, construction and maintenance of the Water Works Park II Water Treatment Plant and demolition of the existing plant. tion of the existing plant.

Boone Construction Management & Consulting has a 2,000-square-foot office at 1249 Washington Blvd., Suite 2630. The company is certified by Detroit, Wayne County, the United States Department of Transportation and the Michigan Minority Business Development Council among a number of the Council among a number of the States Department Council among a number of the States Department Council among a number of the States of Development Council, among a number of other organizations.

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Boone-Woods awarded Crockett Career and Technical Center stude launch for Boone-Woods' first book "Faith Cometh By Hearing WJBK-FOX 2 news anchor Fanchon Stinger and Angela Boom Woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle's Church of Christ's pre-boom woods gather at Revival Tabernacle woods gather at



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WGPR Radio's "Community Higho assist others aspiring to achieve heir goals and make their entrepre eurial dreams a reality," she said Missionary Humphrey, host of afford an opportunity to suppor

> men and women 8-80 in our community." Woods, author of her first book, "Faith Cometh by Hearing. MISSIONARY HATTIE B. HUMPHREY (right) and Angela Boone

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Program participants will include

scholarship, and all the students BECKHAM DREW a crowd: Charles Beckham, director of A3BC and Boone, owner of a construction company founder of "the Color of Business," spoke with event moderator Angela

New book launches at Revival Tabernaci

Testimonial Resolution

Angela Boone

Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc.

WHEREAS

The vitality and success of each community depends on the willingness of its individual members and corporate citizens to stand up and make a positive difference by taking risks and chances, and by overcoming historical and financial obstacles, and

WHEREAS

Angela Boone, president and owner of Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc., followed her dream of owning her own business and founded the company in 1997. In an industry that has less than one percent female-owned companies, Angela Boone has made a name for herself and her company by providing quality services, and

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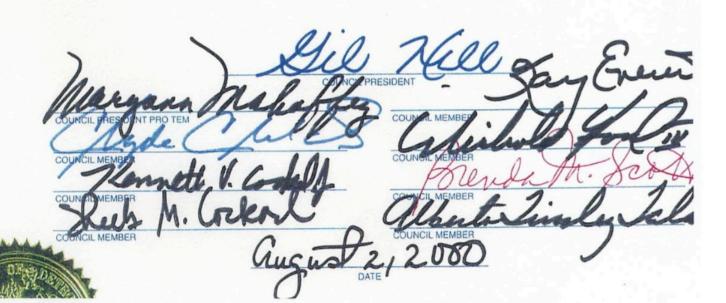
Angela Boone got her start in the construction industry when she worked as an office assistant at a construction company in the 1980s. After working in several other jobs, she returned to construction in the 1990s and worked at PMA Engineering and Jenkins Construction Co., and

WHEREAS

With very little savings and capital, Angela Boone founded Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. in 1997. Her first job was to inspect concrete structures for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept. and she has never looked back. The company was recently awarded a \$2.8 million contract to build an energy center at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

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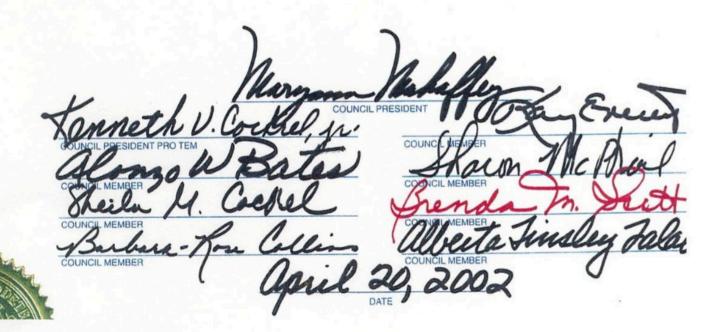
That the Detroit City Council hereby congratulates and commends Angela Boone and Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. on the business successes of the company. Angela Boone is an inspiration to all Detroiters. We wish her great success in her future endeavors.



Testimonial Resolution ANGELA BOONE-WOODS

- WHEREAS Angela Boone-Woods who is the author of "Faith cometh by Hearing" (Romans 10:17) will have a pre-book launch to meet her and hear excerpts from her book at Revival Tabernacle Church of Christ, 3627 Mt. Elliott in Detroit, Michigan, and
- WHEREAS Angela Boone-Woods is the CEO of Boone Construction, Inc., a woman owned construction company that is successfully overcoming obstacles of racism and sexism in the construction industry, and
- WHEREAS Angela have captured her experience in her inspiring book, "Faith cometh by hearing" (Romans 10:17), which give accounts of her true life events and experiences as a female General Contractor who owns her own Detroit-based construction company, and the trials and tribulations she had to overcome in a male dominated industry, and
- WHEREAS

 Angela has been featured in several national and local publications such as Essence Magazine, Michigan Contractor & Builder, The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, and have done speaking engagements at Lewis College of Business Sixth Annual Minority Business Conference, just to name a few. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council congratulates Angela Boone-Woods for her unwavering determination and talent by using her book as an inspiration and a "literary mentor" to assist others aspiring to achieve their goals and make their entrepreneurial dreams a reality".



WHEREAS, RESOLVED, WHEREAS, WHEREAS, commend Angela Boone for her outstanding achievement I, Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County Clerk on this 28th day of March 2003 Business Owners of Distinction as awarded by the Greater Detroit Chapter of The It is most appropriate that you receive this recognition as one of the top ten Women School of Engineering; and Lawrence Institute of Technology University School of Angela Boone founded Boone Management & Consulting, Inc., in Detroit, Michigan, National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). Engineering, Southfield. University of Phoenix School of Business Management; and the University of Michigan Career Development Program. She went on to further enhance her learning at the Angela Boone's training began as a Core Machinist at the Focus: HOPE East Track inspirational speaker in April 1997 as well as Mentors, Inc., a non-profit organization that educates individuals who want to become successful. Ms. Bonne is also a motivational and **ANGELA BOONE** Resolution WAYNE COUNTY CLERK CATHY M. GARRET HONORING

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NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO IN EXECUTIVES AND BUSINESSES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO IN EXECUTIVES & BUSINESSES INCLUDES ANGELA R. BOONE, PRESIDENT & CEO OF BOONE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING, INC. IN THE 2001-2002 EDITION

NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO IN EXECUTIVES & BUSINESSES has included the above named individual for appearance in the 2001-2002 Edition.

NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO wishes to extend its congratulations to the professional named herein. The intent of THE NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO IN EXECUTIVES & BUSINESSES is to notify all who read this announcement that this individual has reached a level of recognizable success in their respective field.

The 2001-2002 Edition of **NATIONWIDE REGISTER'S WHO'S WHO** is only available to those professionals who are included. This years edition will, of course, be registered at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.



National Association of Women Business Owners

December 12, 2002

Ms. Angela Boone-Woods Boone Management & Consulting 1150 Griswold, Suite 3126 Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Ms. Boone-Woods,

On behalf of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Greater Detroit Chapter, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by our distinguished panel of judges to receive one of Michigan's Top 10 Women Business Owners of Distinction Awards, 2003. We received many qualified nominations this year and we are very pleased to include you as one of the recipients. Congratulations!

The Awards Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Northfield Hilton Hotel in Troy, Michigan. This event is very prestigious as well as popular and we expect over 400 guests to attend. The Awards Event will be held in conjunction with the "Business to Business" Showcase, an excellent opportunity to promote your business. You will receive an invitation that will also include a map and schedule of the day's events, next month. We would like for you to have your photograph taken with our President, Laura Cattermole and Heather Catallo, News Reporter of WXYZ TV, Channel 7, who will moderate the program. You will have a chance to visit with the other Award winners, as well. The committee and I are also looking forward to meeting you.

At this time, for publicity purposes, we need for you to supply us with a biographical sketch and three photographs. I will need these materials no later than December 23, 2002 for our March/April newsletter and event press release. Please Fed Ex or hand deliver to our office.

Enclosed is a program book from the 2002 Top 10 Awards Event. If I can be of further help to you, do not hesitate to call me at the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) office at (313) 961-4748.

Again, congratulations! We all look forward to seeing you on Friday, March 28, 2003.

Sincerely,

Carol R. Gove

Executive Director

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August 20, 2001

Eleanor M. Josaitis Executive Director

Dear Angela,

I read about you in Michigan Contractor & Builder magazine. I am so very proud of you and what you have accomplished.

You are a shining example of what can happen when individuals are given access to education, resources and the financial mainstream.

Please know that your family and friends at Focus: HOPE are cheering for you, and we are delighted that you too are fighting to expand opportunities for women and minorities in the workforce.

Keep up the good work and please keep in touch.

God bless you.

Most sincerely,

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July 10, 2000

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Ms. Angela Boone President Boone Construction Management & Consulting, Inc. 1249 Washington Blvd. Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Angela:

Congratulations on your recent signing of a contract to build the energy center for the Midfield terminal at Metro Airport.

There was never a doubt in my mind that with your persistence, positive attitude and enthusiasm, you would be successful in an industry that has traditionally suppressed women and minorities, black-women in particular.

God Bless and I look forward to reading about the next \$200 million contract for Boone Construction!!!

Best Regards,

Lorenzo Williams

President



June 28, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

Boone Management and Consulting, Inc., serves as a subcontractor to the Detroit Water Team on the Water Works Park II Water Treatment Plant, a \$275 million design/build project. Boone has coordinated the inspection of the concrete pours (25,000 cubic yards thus far) on the construction site.

Boone Management and Consulting, Inc. has provided competent service on this project. They have been extremely responsive and reliable. I recommend Boone Management and Consulting, Inc. for similar responsibilities on other projects.

If you have any questions on their performance or potential assignments, please call me at (313) 566-0601.

Sincerely

Gary Meyerhofer

Project Director

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ROBERT G. McGRUDER EXECUTIVE EDITOR

February 21, 2001

Ms. Angela Boone, Boone Mgmt. & Consulting, Inc. 1249 Washington Blvd., Stc. 2337 Detroit, M1 48226

Dear Ms. Boone:

Thank you for participating in our Feb. 15 forum on the history and future of black-owned businesses in Detroit. I hope you had the opportunity to see the fruits of that discussion in the Feb. 20 Free Press. I am sending a copy, in case you missed it.

I thought our meeting was good and the comments of all participants were excellent. I'm also quite proud of the coverage we provide. We were able to share a lot of what was said with our readers.

As I said at the end of our meeting, I want the Free Press to continue to draw on the knowledge and experience of the people who sat around that table. Business owners and all people who are touched by business can learn a lot from you and the others who were part of our conversation. There are lessons our community must learn if all Detroit businesses are to succeed and if all people are to properly share in that success.

Thanks again for being part of the discussion. I hope we can continue to call on you as a resource as we attempt to improve our coverage of business in general and black and other minority-owned businesses in particular.

Sincerely

Robert G. McGruder

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c: Alejandro Bodipo-Memba, Reporter Mike Sante, Business News Editor

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–2215

November 17, 1999

Dear Commissioner Bell:

Let me first say that it is an honor and a pleasure to serve as co-chair for your first annual Art & Silent Auction Gala. I am sure this will mark the beginning of many such marvelous events.

Unfortunately at the time of the event I am unable to be with you because of my Washington obligations and duties. However I would like to have the following serve as auction items for this auspicious occasion.

1) Dinner for two with me in the Congressional Dining Room.

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2) Two VIP tickets to tour the White House.

Again, thank you for allowing me to co-chair this event and I look forward to seeing soon.

With regards,

Carolyn C. Kilpatrick Member of Congress

