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MBE/EDGE Business Expo attracts more than 170 businesses



Letisha Parks of the Ohio Department of Education meets with Sulakshana Singh of JASStek, an information technology consulting firm based in Dublin, at the MBE/EDGE Business Expo held Oct. 27 at the Ohio History Center. (Photo by Susan Russell of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.)

COLUMBUS – More than 170 business owners attended the State of Ohio MBE/EDGE Business Expo held Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the Ohio History Center in Columbus.

The state hosted the expo to support continued efforts to expand access to state contracts for minority-owned, women-owned and small businesses. Business owners were connected with state agency purchasing professionals as part of the efforts to continue to increase the business the state conducts with companies certified through the state's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) programs.

In addition to opportunities to network with state procurement professionals, attendees were able to choose from among 10 workshops. The expo was sponsored by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and the Ohio Development Services Agency. For more information about the MBE and EDGE programs, visit das.ohio.gov/eod.