

**The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise congratulates the following firms for their success in doing business with the state. Highlighted below are two firms who have been with The Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise since 2006. These firms have withered the storms of growth, transition and recession. This office salutes you in making our state a great success:**

"I started Thomas Consultants in 1986, and since 2005, we've been working with the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise. They helped us navigate the process to secure a software contract with the State of Tennessee. Now we've been listed as a subcontractor on a contract for desktop computers.

"As a small business owner, it felt great to know we were competitive with other companies in being able to provide services to help our state run smoothly."

*Darrell K. Thomas, chairman and CEO of Thomas Consultants, a Memphis-based IT firm providing hardware, software, and consulting services for corporate and government clients*



"We've worked with the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise since 2006. They've been very helpful to us in preparing proposals, and as a result, we have been able to win state government work not only in Tennessee, but also in Georgia. And those contracts have brought in a lot of other business, too."

*Phyllis Burns, owner of Burns Mailing and Printing, a 100% woman-owned business in Knoxville providing corporate design, printing, and mailing services*

