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Mayor Awards Certified Vendor of the Month to GroundBreakers

City of Indianapolis Office of Minority and Women Business Development selects a women and veteran-owned business enterprise for its second Vendor of the Month

INDIANAPOLIS – On Monday, October 31, Mayor Joe Hogsett, Councillor Keith Graves, and the City of Indianapolis Office of Minority and Women Business Development (OMWBD) awarded GroundBreakers, the Certified Vendor of November 2022.

"As our second-ever OMWBD Vendor of the Month, I want to congratulate Andrea Sloan and all at GroundBreakers," Mayor Hogsett said. "True to their name, this company is breaking new ground for veteran employment in the construction trades here in Indianapolis."

[GroundBreakers Hydrovac Excavation Services LLC](#), located at 6435 E 30th St, Indianapolis, IN 46219, is a certified woman and veteran-owned business enterprise that performs non-destructive and precise hydrovac excavation services. The owner Andrea Sloan's military background has inspired her to hire veterans, which led to GroundBreakers winning the Gold Hire Vets Medallion Award in 2021. Andrea, a life-long Indianapolis resident, is devoted to giving back to the community by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity Indiana.

"I would like to thank Mayor Hogsett and his office for being recognized as the diverse firm of the month," says Andrea Sloan. "I am thrilled GroundBreakers has received this honor, underscoring our commitment to our customers, employees, diversity, and community. As I look forward, GroundBreakers will continue to delight our customers, treasure our employees, champion diversity, and give back to our community."

OMWBD selected Groundbreakers due to the company's commitment to hiring veterans in honor of Veterans Day on November 11. The Certified Vendor of the Month is an ongoing initiative to promote certified minority, women, veteran, and disabled-owned business enterprises making a difference in the Indianapolis community.

"Congratulations to Andrea and the GroundBreakers team for receiving this award," says Director David Fredricks. "OMWBD is proud to have vendors on our [XBE Directory](#) that focus on giving back to the community and providing jobs to veterans."

Businesses interested in becoming certified as a minority, woman, veteran, or disabled-owned business enterprise can learn more about the process and connect with OMWBD [here](#).

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Attached Photos

In order of left to right

David Fredricks – Director of the Office of Minority and Women Business Development

Keith Graves – Councillor of the 13th District

Andrea Sloan – Owner of GroundBreakers

Joseph Hogsett – Mayor of the City of Indianapolis

About City of Indianapolis Office of Minority and Women Business Development:

The Office of Minority and Women Business Development (OMWBD) is committed to serving businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, and people with ADA disabilities. The agency helps you access contract opportunities from the city, county, municipal, and privately funded projects in Central Indiana.

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