

Feds slate forum to recruit suppliers

The fifth Federal Procurement Education Forum, designed to acquaint local manufacturers with the method of receiving federal contract awards, will be held on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1-2, at the Engineering Society of Detroit, 100 Farnsworth.

The forum will feature business speakers who have successfully worked with the government, including representatives from Jervis B. Webb Co. and General Dynamics, as well as liaisons from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command.

According to Maj. Gen. Arthur Homes of the U.S. Army Tank Command, "In fiscal year 1984, Michigan firms won \$2 billion in prime contract awards from the Tank Automotive Command. Approximately 400 Michigan firms are currently doing business with the Tank Automotive Command, with more than 2,700 on the bidders mailing list."

The forum is targeted toward presidents and chief executive officers of medium-sized manufacturers that have 100-150 employees. Areas with the greatest potential for federal contracts are suppliers of manufacturing equipment, fabricated plate work, plating and polishing, metal stamping, industrial control, automated manufacturing equipment and other special machinery.

The registration fee is \$75 per participant. To register, call Lillian Randolph at 984-4000.

Workshop helps with parenting

A workshop for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be presented at 8 tonight by Space, a non-sectarian service of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Southfield. Its telephone number is 258-6808.

Presented by Barbara Halpern, the workshop is on teaching communications skills to parents. The goal is to help parents listen to their children and build their self-esteem. A \$4 donation is asked.

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The new Millender Center, which is going up across from the Renaissance Center, is actually being built around the new SEMTA People Mover system. Millender was one of the first People Mover construction spots so that the station could be incorporated in the lobby of the complex which will contain a hotel, retail shopping, parking and apartments.



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Auto dealers hit Patterson gift story

Daniel Hayes, executive vice president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, said there was nothing illegal in its \$5,000 contribution to L. Brooks Patterson's 1982 campaign for attorney general.

The contribution, made in November of 1982, became the subject of controversy with the revelation that Patterson, an Oakland County prosecutor, has declined to prosecute several auto dealers for electricity theft.

"This association never, absolutely never, condones anything illegal," Hayes said from the DADA office in Troy. It attacked the reporting of

WXYZ-TV (channel 7) on Oct. 10.

NOTING THAT the broadcaster reported the \$5,000 contribution "from the auto dealers to Brooks Patterson came 15 days after he had already lost the election," Hayes said the contribution was approved on Sept. 21, 1982 — six weeks before the election.

Hayes said, and Patterson's office verified, that the Patterson campaign was aware of the pledge well before the election. The date is important because the investigation didn't begin focusing on auto dealers until November of 1982, according to a Patterson assistant.

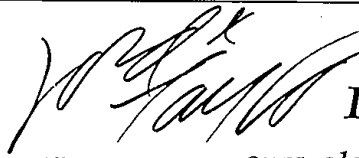
"Channel 7 conveniently neglected to make the observation that, had Patterson been successful in his campaign for attorney general, he would not have been in the Oakland County prosecutor's office, and the matter in question would not have come before him. Therefore, the implication that we were trying to buy protection from Brooks Patterson is misleading and scurrilous."

HAYES ALSO defended the conduct of Mary Tamaroff, Southfield auto dealer who was investigated but never charged by the prosecutor in the electricity theft matter. Tamaroff was

treasurer of DADA's Political Action Committee in 1982.

"Of even more concern is the character assassination done on one of our dealers, Mary Tamaroff," Hayes said. "Contrary to the impression left by Channel 7, Tamaroff neither signed the campaign report, signed the contribution check, nor participated in the September meeting when the contribution to Brooks Patterson was approved."

"Mary Tamaroff had nothing to do with the contribution to Brooks Patterson, and Channel 7 owes him an apology." The station and its reporter said they stand by their story.



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