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## Sharing the Joys of Construction Essay Competition

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At EDiS Company, we are an accumulation of people who have dedicated themselves to building excellence. **Building buildings, building community, and building legacy.** The people of EDiS are our “secret ingredient,” and they come from all different backgrounds and ancestry. We’re looking to be inspired by the young builders of the future, and asking them to share the joy of construction with our communities. Black History Month provides the perfect opportunity to showcase the incredible potential of a diverse workforce.

Please choose one from the following four prompts. Essays should be 500-1,000 words but can go over. **Let it be noted that this year we are allowing video submissions as well, please make sure to still include all of the necessary information found in this announcement poster.** If these four prompts don’t motivate you, please feel free to come up with your own prompt for inspiration and innovation. The winner will be featured in the EDiS Company blog and newsletter.

### PROMPT ONE:

Identify an African American trades person or construction company that has influenced your life.  
How have they passed on the joy of construction to you?

### PROMPT TWO:

How can construction better serve diverse communities now or in the future?

### PROMPT THREE:

Tell us about the history of African American contributions to the built environment.  
This applies to any era in American history.

### PROMPT FOUR:

Tell us about a famous (or not so famous) African American architect, engineer, or designer past or present that has contributed to the built environment.

*Submission information and prizes on the following page.*



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## Submission Information

Along with your essay, please include the following information:

Full Name	Grade	<b>NEW:</b>
Contact Email Address	School	"Sponsor Teacher"
Contact Phone Number	School District	

Please submit your entry directly to EDiS Company via email: [nmichael@ediscompany.com](mailto:nmichael@ediscompany.com)

**SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21, 2023.**

Winners will be notified the final week of February.

Prize money will be awarded for the most inspirational essays:

**FIRST PLACE: \$750**

**SECOND PLACE: \$500**

**THIRD PLACE: \$250**

New this year, in the spirit of supporting the amazing men and women teaching in our vo-tech classrooms, prize money will also be awarded to the teacher who inspires each student the most. Students will select a "sponsor teacher" to receive additional prize money to use for classroom supplies. This applies to first, second, and third place winners.

Please send any questions you might have via email to [nmichael@ediscompany.com](mailto:nmichael@ediscompany.com)

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