



2008 Forums

Monday, March 24, 2008
George R. Brown Convention Center
Third Level, Ballroom Area

Forum #1: Construction – For construction firms and contractors

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Where: Rooms 310 A & B

Moderator: **Goodwille Pierre**, M.Ed, JD
Manager - Small Business Development and Contract Compliance
Houston Airport System - City of Houston

Presenters: Tophas Anderson, Management Analyst IV – Housing & Community Development Department - City of Houston
Michael Dotson, Sr. Project Manager – Housing & Community Development Department – City of Houston
William Wachel, Assistant Chief Engineer – Port of Houston Authority
Mark Miranda, Manager – CFS Facilities Maintenance – HISD
Dilip Anketell, Executive Director – Facilities Planning & Construction – UH System
Reid K. Mrsny, P.E., Senior Assistant Director – Public Works & Engineering

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Forum #2: Architectural & Engineering – For architecture and engineering firms and contractors

Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Where: Rooms 320 A & B

Moderator: **Kandyce Fernandez**, Director of Supplier Diversity
HISD Office of Business Assistance

Presenters: Issa Dadoush, Director – General Services Department – City of Houston
Reid K. Mrsny, P.E., Senior Assistant Director – Public Works & Engineering Department – City of Houston
Richard Lindsay, Chief Business Operations Officer – HISD
Allison E. Bell, J.D., M.T., Director of Capital Projects Administration – UH System

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Forum #3: METRO/METRO Solutions – For small and disadvantaged business enterprises

Moderator: **Jose Jimenez**, Director – Small Business Compliance
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Where: Rooms 310 A & B

Presenters: Rod Lemon, President/CEO – AHRMDCO International, LLC
Program Advisor for METRO Solutions
LRT Project – SDBE Small Business Development Program

Dr. Melody Ellis, President – Accent on Education, Inc.
Southeast Corridor Ambassador
METRO Solutions SDBE Small Business Development Program

Jose Reyna, Procurement Manager – Houston Transit Partners (HTP)/
Granite Construction

Dean Ainuddin, Sr. Contracts Specialist – METRO Procurement

Sponsored by: Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas

Forum #4: IT/Communications – For small, minority, women & disadvantaged businesses

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Where: Rooms 320 A & B

Moderators: **Ken Harper**, President – eBusiness 1, Inc.

Ron McFarlane, GPC 2008 Chairman
Vice-President of Sales & Marketing - eBusiness 1, Inc.

Presenters: Tony Brown, Sr., IT Manager – METRO Information Technology
Robert Fazakerly, C.P.M., Technology Procurement Team Leader – HISD
Orin Rehorst, ACS Project Manager – Port of Houston Authority

City of Houston Presenters:

Richard Lewis, Chief Information Officer – Information Technology Department
Earl Lambert, Citywide Chief Technology Officer – Information Technology Department
Mark Stinnett, Chief Technology Officer – Information Technology Department
Tom Sorley, Chief Technology Officer – Information Technology Department
Al Garcia, Chief Technology Officer – Houston Police Department
Douglas Frankhouser, Manager of Data & Wireless Systems – Houston Airport System
Rex Billings, Deputy Assistant Director – Municipal Courts Administrative
Matt Hyde, Assistant Director – Houston Emergency Center
Patrick Plummer, Chief Technology Officer – Houston Fire Department
Ogilvie Gericke, PWE Chief Technology Officer – Public Works & Engineering Dept.

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Forum #5: Contract Financing

Time: 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Where: Rooms 310 C, 320 C, 310 F & 320 F

Panel 1: For bankers – Public and Private Sector M/WBE Programs and Contract Financing

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Where: Rooms 320 C/F

Moderator: **Hopeton Hay**, Manager - HUB Technical Assistance Program
The University of Texas System
Office of HUB Development and Small Business Programs

Panel Participants:

Velma Laws – City of Houston
Jose Jimenez – METRO
Marian Nimon – UT MDACC

Panel 2: For small business owners – How to Access Traditional & Alternative Sources
Financing

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Where: Rooms 310 C/F

Moderator: **Vince Calicchia**, President
Houston Association of Government Guaranty Lenders

Panel Participants:

Marlon Mitchell – Houston Business Development, Inc.
Winston Labbe – Unity Bank
Paul Cheong – United Central Bank
Shirley Brooks – Accion
New Century Financial

Panel 3: Bankers – Credit Enhancement Vehicles for Banks

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Where: Rooms 320 C/F

Moderator: **Marlon Mitchell**, Executive Director
Houston Business Development, Inc.

Panel Participants:

Richard Celli – City of Houston
John Scroggins – Unity Bank
Theresa Lee – Texas Mezzanine Fund
Shirley Brooks - Accion

Panel 4: Small Business Owners – Loan Packaging for Small Businesses

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Where: Rooms 310 C/F

Moderator: *Cynthia Booker*, HUB Technical Assistance Coordinator – Gulf Coast University of Texas System

Panel Participants: Dr. Melody Ellis – Accent on Education, Inc.
James Evans – UH Small Business Development Center
Milton Thibodeaux – Houston Minority Business Enterprise Cntr.
Valerie Boudreaux-Allen
Scott Actkinson – Statesman Business Advisors

Networking Between Banks and M/WBEs

4:15 – 5:00 p.m. Where: Rooms 320 C/F

Sponsored by: UT System, UT Health Science Center-Houston, UT Medical Branch-Galveston, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

Forum #6: NASA – For small, minority, women & disadvantaged business enterprises

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Where: Room 330

Moderator: *Phil Johnson*, Subcontracts/Purchasing Manager, SBLO
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Presenters: Herbert Baker, Deputy Manager for Exploration System Procurement Office – NASA
Bonnie Beale, Procurement Manager – USA
Mary Henderson, Business Manager – Hamilton Sundstrand
Linda Frazier-Flowers, Manager of LMMS Supply Chain Management -Civil Program,
Supplier Diversity Advocate – Lockheed
Rick Hill, Boeing-Houston Supplier Management Manager – Boeing
David R. Strome, PhD, Vice-President and Program Manager
Bioastronautics – Wyle, Life Science Group

Sponsored by: NASA

Please Note:
All names above are the Invited Guests