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HAS Small Business Development and Contract Compliance in conjunction with HAS Marketing, Communications and Community Affairs (MCCA) is currently in the planning stages for the Asian American Business Forum to be held in late Spring 2008. Check our webpage for updates and specific details on this special event!

"Government Procurement Connections is the premiere government contracting event of the year for small, minority, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses. This conference provides a great forum for government agencies, corporations and small businesses to network and discuss potential business relationships."

Don't miss this once a year opportunity to market your company and capabilities to some of the most active and vital businesses and contractors in Southeast Texas. For further information and to register for this event, please go online to www.houstongpc.com.

What Can Certification Do For YOUR Business !

The programs and services of the HAS Small Business Development and Contract Compliance office (SBDCC) are directed to:

Minority/Women Business Enterprises (MWBEs)

MWBE firms are eligible to participate on City Funded contracts with MWBE goals.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)

Certified DBE firms are eligible to participate on federally funded airport contracts and concessions with DBE goals. DBE certification is also recognized statewide on US Department of Transportation aviation, highway and transit contracts.

Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprises (PDBEs)

PDBE firms are eligible to participate on City funded contracts with PDBE goals.

Small Business Enterprises (SBEs)

SBEs are eligible to work on any construction project with SBE goals.

To participate you must be certified by the City of Houston Office of Affirmative Action and Contract Compliance. For more information, attend the free pre-certification workshop held every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at 611 Walker, 7th Floor. Visit www.houstontx.gov/aacc or call 713-837-9000 for more information.

Help Us Help You!

The Houston Airport System Small Business Development and Contract Compliance section welcomes your questions and feedback. You are encouraged to contact us with your ideas or questions. Your feedback will help us continue to improve our service to you, the Small and Minority Business Community! E-mail us at: HAS.SmallBusiness@cityofhouston.net



Quote of the Quarter:

"Effective people are not problem-minded, they're opportunity minded."

-Steven R. Covey



Congratulations!

Janie Hughes, owner of Q3 Telecom, a successful DBE telecommunication company, has received a Star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars for her outstanding Business Leadership and Humanitarian and Philanthropic work in Palm Springs, CA and the Coachella Valley.

Additional resources:

Please visit the websites below for additional opportunities, events and training:

Houston Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/tx/hous>

Women's Business Enterprise Alliance: <http://www.wbea-texas.org>

Metro Houston: http://www.ridemetro.org/Business_Opportunities/business_development.asp

National Associate of Minority Contractors: <http://www.namc-houston.org>

Standing ready to assist you!

The Houston Airport System Small Business Development and Contract Compliance Section is committed to creating a level playing field on which DBEs and MW/PDBEs can participate in an environment that removes barriers, ensures non-discrimination, and provides the tools necessary to compete successfully within the Houston Airport System (HAS) and the marketplace outside the DBE and MW/PDBE programs.

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