

Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC)

A Standing Committee of the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council

Purpose

As the liaison between the WRMSDC and the voice of the MBE community, the Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) is a standing committee of WRMSDC. Elected into membership by WRMSDC-certified MBEs, it is organized specifically to provide to Board members and the Council constructive and solution-oriented input on issues affecting minority-owned businesses, and to promote Council programs and activities.

MBE Input Committee Objectives

- Facilitate the expansion of the NMSDC certified minority business community
- Recruit new minority businesses to be certified, and encourage their participation in and support of MBEIC activities
- Support WRMSDC staff and Council activities
- Identify the needs of the Council's minority businesses and provide recommendations on programs and services to the Staff
- Ensure continuous communication and coordination of activities between the Board, Staff, and the local and national Minority Business Enterprise Input Committees
- Identify or recommend programs to assist in the growth of certified minority businesses
- Recommend training and technical assistance projects, which address specific problem areas encountered by minority-owned businesses

MBEIC Meetings

MBEIC meetings are open to all certified WRMSDC minority businesses. However, only elected Voting Members may provide direct input at meetings and only elected members may vote. To attend MBEIC meetings in-person or via WebEx, you must register.

- Monthly meetings are generally held on 2nd Fridays of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.
- This does not include educational trainings, General Assemblies, Open Houses, and other special meetings. Meeting dates and times are subject to change.
- Please check the [Events Calendar](#) page for registration, updates, and to confirm meeting dates and times.

Get Involved

The MBEIC offers plenty of opportunities for certified minority-owned businesses to get involved. For complete details on open positions and other volunteer opportunities, please contact a member of the MBEIC.

Certified minority businesses should join <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4116355>

The forum is used as a platform for minority business partnerships, strategic alliances, and community updates!



2018-2019 WRMSDC MBE Input Committee Members

Meet your 2018-2019 MBE Input Committee. Contact your Voting Members to find out how you can get more involved. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member.

Norberto Velez	Customized Performance	Chair
Ranjani Mohana	R Mo Business Solutions	Vice Chair
Oscar Aliaga	Codale Energy Services & Supply	Secretary
Renee Boyce	My Next Career Path Staffing	NV Representative
Dwight Jackson	Metro Contract Group	Voting Member
Sydni Craig-Hart	Smart Simple Marketing	Voting Member
Rahul Kuruvilla	Triune Infomatics	Voting Member
Sujaya Shyam	Q-Solv	Voting Member
Isidro Galicia	Incito Consulting Group	Voting Member

There are many reasons to consider attending an open MBEIC meeting though. Here are some of the best:

- **Friendship, mentoring and advice.** Regardless of MBE classification or size, the business friendships made through council involvement can bring value to your company and your role within it. There are professionals who attend from different industry backgrounds that bring years of experience who are happy to provide friendship and guidance that any business can benefit from. These MBEs have been through similar challenges. They've experienced the different stages in the supplier process, they've developed relationships with buyers, and they've generally been involved in the supplier diversity community in some way or another, often for years. Their experience can help you.
- **MBE Business to Business Spend.** At every MBEIC meeting, or really any council event, you get the opportunity to share with others a little about yourself and your company. This gives MBE companies the opportunity to get to know each other, do business and buy from one another. Many MBEs have diverse spending goals themselves and this is a great way to find MBEs providing the goods and services you need. Help be the change needed in Supplier Diversity by supporting other MBEs!
- **Potential referrals.** There have been many success stories that resulted from businesses that got to know fellow MBE businesses through council involvement. If we are not able to do business with a company we meet, we can do everything in our power to either advocate their business with a corporate contact that we already have a relationship with or forward an opportunity that we come across to that MBE to pursue. Perhaps it's an RFI that does not apply to staffing but does for a product or service that an MBE we know sells. If it weren't for us meeting and getting to know them through the council, we wouldn't be able to make the referral.