

Your Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) Newsletter 2nd Edition

Welcome to the Second Edition of the MBEIC Quarterly Newsletter!

We're thrilled to bring you another update packed with exciting news from the

Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC). In this edition, we proudly introduce our dynamic MBEIC Ambassadors, sharing their stories and photos from recent events where they represented WRMSDC with passion and purpose. This issue highlights the importance of MBE-to-MBE spend as part of our ongoing All Money is Green initiative. We believe that by strengthening economic connections within the minority business community, we can foster sustainable growth and create a ripple effect that benefits all. Supporting and

engaging with fellow MBEs not only uplifts individual businesses but also reinforces the foundation of a more equitable marketplace.

MBEIC Introduction About The Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) is comprised of Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) owners, from Northern California,

Nevada, Hawaii, and Guam, certified by the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council. Our mission is to foster a vibrant marketplace of diversity and opportunity by building relationships between Corporate America and certified MBEs. We also

aim to strengthen connections within the MBE community to increase intracommunity commerce and support. MBEIC is an important part of the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC). It consists of a Chair, Officers, and Regional Leads. Our focus is to support the WRMSDC network and promote the growth

and recognition of MBEs. We achieve this by advocating for initiatives and programs within the network and collaborating with governmental agencies. Leadership

The Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee (MBEIC) is dedicated to advancing the interests of minority-owned businesses and promoting their economic prosperity. Through strategic initiatives, advocacy efforts, and

collaborative partnerships, the MBEIC board strives to create a level playing field where minority entrepreneurs can thrive. Here, you will find a comprehensive roster of the esteemed individuals who form the backbone of the MBEIC board. Each member brings a wealth of experience, expertise, and passion to the table, driving forward our mission to empower minority-owned enterprises and drive positive change in the marketplace.

Explore our leadership team below and discover the diverse talents and perspectives that collectively shape the direction and impact of the MBEIC

within the WRMSDC community. Together, we are committed to building a more inclusive and equitable business environment for all. **Meet The MBEIC**

Get Involved Become an MBEIC Ambassador! Are you passionate about promoting diversity and empowering minority-owned businesses? The MBEIC Ambassador Program is your opportunity to become

By joining the Ambassador Program, you'll have the chance to make a real impact, support minority business growth, and help build a more inclusive

start your journey toward making a difference.

economy. Click below to learn more about becoming an Ambassador and

landscape.

events!

a leader in your community. As an Ambassador, you'll advocate for our mission, engage with key stakeholders, and drive meaningful change within the business

Learn More About Becoming an Ambassador

Meet Our Ambassadors!

We're excited to introduce our incredible MBEIC Ambassadors—dedicated leaders who are actively working to empower and uplift minority businesses. These champions represent WRMSDC at events, connect with community members, and help amplify our shared mission Want to see them in action? **Check out the photo gallery** to explore pictures of

our Ambassadors out in the community, representing WRMSDC at various

Ambassadors Photo Gallery

Meet the Ambassadors

success. When we prioritize MBE-to-MBE transactions, we aren't just fueling individual business growth—we are strengthening our entire community and building an ecosystem of economic empowerment.

Imagine the impact if every diverse supplier sourced their needs with fellow diverse suppliers. By creating a self-sustaining network, we uplift each other's

businesses, expand opportunities, and empower our communities. Every transaction becomes a step toward collective success, a ripple that creates

Join us in making this vision a reality. Click the button below to access the

connect, build partnerships, and integrate one another into their supply chains. By working together, we increase capacity, foster collaboration, and ensure that

exclusive MBE2MBE Search Tool, designed to help WRMSDC MBEs

lasting change in the minority business landscape.

our success benefits everyone.

contributes to shared prosperity.

All Money is Green: Empowering a Stronger

MBE Ecosystem

All Money is Green" is more than a philosophy—it's a call to action. The idea is simple: money, regardless of its source, holds equal value and can drive mutual

 Utilize the tool to nurture relationships within our region. Build strategic alliances through teaming and partnerships. Discover fellow MBEs to strengthen your supply chain. Let's commit to sourcing within our network and creating a thriving, self-

sustaining ecosystem. Remember, every transaction within our community

Access the MBE2MBE Search Tool

Events Last Quarter Hosted by MBEIC MBEIC Open Houses: Celebrating Milestones and Exploring **New Opportunities** This quarter, we were honored to host two exciting MBEIC Open Houses, each

offering unique experiences for our community of minority business owners.

ICE Safety Solutions 25th Anniversary – Fremont, CA We joined Pam Isom and her team at ICE Safety Solutions to celebrate an incredible milestone—25 years of service, 22 of which she's been certified with WRMSDC! The event took place in Fremont, CA, and featured speeches from the Fremont Mayor, WRMSDC Board Chair Lili Kwan, and was hosted by MBEIC Chair Gerald Johnson. It was a momentous occasion to honor Pam's dedication to safety solutions and her long-standing commitment to WRMSDC. Want to relive the celebration? Click the button below to check out photos from the event, captured by ShelleeF.

View ICE Safety Solutions 25th Anniversary Photos

WISE EV Charging – Las Vegas, NV Our second open house in Las Vegas with WISE EV Charging offered an exciting glimpse into the future of transportation electrification and the opportunities it brings for MBEs. Attendees explored ways to earn **passive income** by becoming EV Charger Site Hosts, with the potential to earn up to \$200 per month per stall or a percentage of the charging revenue.

Participants also learned about the **Economic Recovery Transportation Electrification Plan (ERTEP)** and how it can benefit their businesses. The evening was filled with **networking**, **growth opportunities**, and lively

discussions about the future of EV charging. Of course, there was plenty of food, drinks, and fun to keep the conversation flowing! If you missed out, don't worry—there are more opportunities ahead!

> **Hosted by WRMSDC GolfCon View GolfCon Photos**

Upcoming Events Hosted by MBEIC Welcome to Sacramento, Donna - Meet and Greet

Affiliates—including diverse suppliers, members of chambers of networks—to a special day of networking and opportunity in Secret

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SACRAMENTO, CA

🖷 Council Corner: Community Conversations — for the first time ever, hosted in personi Be part of this live

se, Silicon Valley, Hawaii, and other major metropolitan areas in our footprint, are invited to host an Open House. Showcase your business and operations to MBEs, corporate representatives, and affiliates. Don't miss this chance to shine a spotlight on your work and build valuable connections. For more information, email

Whether you're a **diverse supplier**, an **affiliate**, or a **chamber of commerce member**, this event offers the perfect opportunity to **network**, **engage**, and participate in meaningful discussions that will shape the future

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INPUT COMMITTEE

WELCOME TO SACRAMENTO, DONNA!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2024

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Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Fly In

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE INPUT COMMITTEE ANNUAL MBEIC FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 7, 2024

Hosted by WRMSDC

Diverse Supplier Meet and Greet: Oakland, CA - October 4th

WRMSDC MEET & GREETS:

WBEs, LGBTBEs, DOBEs, VOSBs, MBEs and More

FRIDAY, OCT 4, 2024 | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM PT

OAKLAND ASIAN CULTURAL CENTER (OACC)
388 9TH STREET, SUITE 290, OAKLAND, CA 94607

More Information

Community Corner: Council Conversations – Live in Sacramento

EMPOWERMENT

Annual MBEIC Fundraiser - Save the Date: December 7, 2024

COUNCIL CORNER: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS Quarterly Engagement Series MBEIC WRMSDC Annual Holiday Celebration: Las Vegas, NV – November 13th **OLIDAY CELEBRATION & FUN-RAISER** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM PT

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Hosted by Affiliates

California Department of Insurance: October 8th Long Beach,

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2024 INSURANCE

October 8, 2024 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM PDT Long Beach Convention Center

Seaside Ballroom 300 E Ocean Blvd - Long Beach, CA

Contact Us **More Information** Sports and Entertainment Supplier Diversity Event: October 10th Los Angeles, CA

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California Electrification.

Areas and Supply Chain.

Take note of PG&E's approach to

Learn and network with PG&E Functional

Meet PG&E prime suppliers providing a

Hear about the Innovation Summit. PG&E

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SPONSORED BY KAREN BASS MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES **DATE & TIME** LOCATION 10.10.2024 | 9AM - 2PM L.A. CONVENTION CENTER bit.ly/LASESD2024 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **More Information** CPUC Expo and En Banc – October 9th + 10th: Riverside, CA California Public Utilities Commission CPUC 22nd Annual GO 156 Supplier Diversity CPUC Small and Diverse Business Expo En Banc Thursday, October 10, 2024 Wednesday, October 9, 2024 LOCATION: 9 am - 3:30 pm 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Riverside Convention Register here for Expo Register here for En Banc 3637 5th Street Riverside, CA 92501 Join us on October 9th for a free event to connect with On October 10th, attend a public forum to hear leaders Registration Links: procurement and supplier diversity representatives and from California's investor-owned utilities discuss supplier Register for En Banc diversity programs and contracting opportunities. Local explore upcoming business and contract opportunities. This expo will offer small and diverse businesses the government representatives, ethnic Chambers of Register for Expo chance to network with utility companies, public Commerce, community-based organizations, Community Choice Aggregators, and emerging firms will also present. agencies, community choice aggregators, prime contractors, resource centers, and other businesses. Public comments will be held at the end of the program and can be sent to Supplier Diversity Program. For further information, Register for the 22nd Annual GO 156 Supplier Diversity Register for the Small and Diverse Business Expo, and download the app to connect with other En Banc, and download the app to connect with other attendees and get event updates. attendees and get event updates.

Register here for Expo Register here for En Banc Protecting California since 1911 The CPUC regulates privately owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, railroad, rail transit, and passenger transportation companies. Construction Inclusion Week Mixer: October 16th: Oakland, DIVERSITY DAY MIXER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024, 4:00PM - 7:00 PM DAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA TOWN FARE, 1000 OAK STREET Register and join us for a lively networking event to celebrate our community and build bridges between businesses. Small and diverse businesses are strongly encouraged to attend. BayAreaMixer. Eventbrite.com

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Supply Chain Responsibility ANNUAL BUSINESS

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Supply Chain Responsibility Business Summit brings together

diverse and small businesses,

learn, network, enhance

Join us to collaborate and

long-lasting business

relationships.

stewardship.

PG&E leaders, PG&E primes and

diverse business associations to

business acumen and nurture

2600 Camino Ramon Registration San Ramon, CA 94583 **More Information**

MBE Spotlight: Q & A Consulting LLC

Q & A Consulting LLC

Q & A Consulting LLC (QACL) is a certified LBE and minority-woman-owned environmental consulting firm specializing in comprehensive environmental investigations, hazardous testing, air quality compliance, and safety services.

Our certified professionals deliver tailored, innovative solutions for diverse

clients, ensuring regulatory compliance and promoting environmental

Connect with us through social media, subscribe to our newsletter, or reach out directly to our team. Let's work together to create a more inclusive and equitable business environment for all.

heard and valued. In today's marketplace, many companies turn to automating everything, but I always appreciate the personal touch of being able to talk to someone right away. If a client is reaching out to Suntender Valuations, I want

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and build stronger, more resilient communities. Together, we can make a meaningful and lasting impact. Get involved today! **Join Our Mailing List** Follow Us on LinkedIn

Join us in our mission to promote diversity, empower minority entrepreneurs,