



MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES

On behalf of the City of Austin, Travis County and the Austin Independent School District you are invited to a

FOCUS GROUP SESSION

of business owners who provide construction, consulting services, and other goods and services purchased by these local entities.

The focus group sessions are part of the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Disparity Study. These important sessions provide an opportunity to share your experiences and insights regarding both the opportunities and the challenges involved in doing business or attempting to do business with any or all of these entities.

Your insights and experiences will help to identify possible enhancements to the programs and support the strategic objectives of open access to local government contracting and purchasing opportunities. *Your comments will be kept strictly confidential according to established legal and policy standards. No information attributable to you will be included in the final report for the Study.*

The focus group meetings will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel.
The schedule for the relevant sessions are listed below:

Focus Group Location	Wyndham Garden Hotel 3401 South IH-35, Austin, TX 78741, 512-448-2444		
Session 1	Tuesday August 26 th	9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Construction contractors, subcontractors, suppliers & related firms
Session 2	Tuesday August 26 th	12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Architectural, engineering & other construction-related professional services firms
Session 3	Tuesday August 26 th	3:00 p.m. –5:00 p.m.	Professional and non-professional services providers
Session 4	Thursday August 28 th	12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Commodities providers and Airport Concessions

To reserve your space at the appropriate session, please contact NERA at 866-756-NERA (866-756-6372) or click on DisparityStudy@NERA.com

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations should contact NERA at least one (1) week prior to the session.

The City, County and AISD have engaged NERA Economic Consulting to conduct this independent third-party study.

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Refreshments will be provided