



COMMUNITY MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ INITIATIVE (CMPI)

Promoting sustainable initiatives which will increase and foster diverse relationships; adding value to our Austin Community; and to those communities throughout the State of Texas.

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CMPI CELEBRATES 10 YEARS SERVING THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

If you are reading our newsletter there is a high probability you are interested in helping our community change to overcome the challenges from our past that currently exist and will appear in our future. The CMPI experience for over 10 years has been about struggling together for positive change. The current culture of division in our country has and will not solve our challenges including education, healthcare and workforce development.

Be encouraged to work with others, especially those whom you have not worked with before. Create positive relationships that endure the struggle of change, and take action to change. CMPI welcomes anyone who is interested in serving the community by serving others. As a CMPI board member, mentor, protégé or supporter, you and your work are welcome and valuable. Please consider joining us in our work and purpose. Sincerely, Steve Swanson

PARTNERS IN NETWORKING: BUILDING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Dear Vendor: You are invited to participate in Capital Metro's "Prime Time Networking Session" on Thursday, October 4, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at our headquarters at 2910 E. 5th Street, in Austin. This event is designed to provide you with the opportunity to network with prime contractors and other DBE's. Additionally, the "Prime Time Networking Session" will create the opportunity for you to meet Capital Metro management, project managers and staff. We will have information on our fiscal year 2008 anticipated procurement opportunities.

According to Capitol Metro, the Prime Time Networking Sessions have been a huge success. Their goal is to have most of their current prime contractors participate in this networking session. "It is opportunities like this that establish a foundation for building business relationships" states Lamont Ross. Contact him at (512) 389-7434 or lamont.ross@capmetro.org.

JUST A NOTE ON WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

During the last month, CMPI has attended several activities of interest. These include a meeting with the City Purchasing Dept. They addressed several new delivery methods for contracts and bidding procedures. A packet detailing these is available, contact our office for information. Discussions on M/WBE's receiving contracts, and subsequent issues with contract compliance followed. There will be a follow up session with the City to further address concerns that were raised by the group. We also participated In the Association of Contract Compliance Administrators Conference, There were several presentations on maintaining fair and equitable distribution of contracts and awards.

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Contact our offices if you have any questions or would like more information.

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