



## 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 OVER 10 YEARS OF SERVING LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

#### GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A new year (2008) always brings an opportunity to stop and ask ourselves, what do we want the future to bring and how will we create and take action to achieve it? Follow through is always difficult alone and help never hurts. We take note of our past to help us plan for our future.

The CMPI story started in 1996 when the Austin Independent School District reached out to our community. We came together and then worked together as citizens to create and implement a new approach to enhancing the opportunity for participation of local, small and minority businesses in the District's bond construction program and in the industry. A unique experience -- breaking down historical barriers to communication and relationships and people as citizens working together across public and private as well as historical barriers to create a strategy and plan and then taking action together to achieve its goals.

This will continue to be the foundation for our future. Everyone in our community in some way being part of the understanding of the real challenges we face and participating as they can in creating community-based solutions and actions. No one group can do it alone.

Thanks to everyone who has helped create and move the story and most importantly the purpose of CMPI forward. "It's about the community. Not one group or person"  
Carol Hadnot, BRC. Sincerely Steve Swanson

#### CMPI IS HELPING BUILD AUSTIN

All contractors take pride in projects they build, whether they are just beginning to move dirt or the project has been long completed. Contractors build the quality of life that their communities enjoy.

With that in mind, CMPI protégé Muniz Concrete and Contracting is busy building a portion of the Lance Armstrong Bikeway near Loop 1 (Mopac) along Cesar Chavez. Once completed, this Bikeway will provide Austinites with a continuous bicycle commuting route across the heart of Austin linking east to west, with many connections to other routes along the way. Many will benefit from the construction talent of Muniz Concrete. Their Mentor is with SpawGlass.

Mentor contractors in the CMPI program are often long time residents who want to pass along industry wisdom to the next generation of local contractors who, like Muniz Concrete, are actively building Austin.

If you are a mentor who would like to work with emerging contractors, CMPI welcomes your participation. And if you are an emerging contractor looking for industry guidance, we welcome you too.

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