



# City of Austin

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## Small and Minority Business Resources

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## SMBR Celebrates 10 Years of Awarding Diversity in Contracting

The City of Austin's Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) will celebrate 10 Years of Celebrating Diversity in Contracting on Wednesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron Road, Austin.

Each year SMBR recognizes firms that exhibit high standards in their contracting and performance in support of the City of Austin's MBE/WBE Procurement Program. This year, SMBR is proud to recognize the following two prime firms:

- Hensel Phelps, Prime Contractor of the Year
- McKinney York Architects, Inc., Prime Consultant of the Year

SMBR will also honor four Small Businesses of the Year which are certified minority and women-owned businesses that have been successful on City of Austin contracts. This year's winners include:

- Marie's Trucking - (Minority Asian subcontractor)
- Avery's Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC - (Minority African-American subcontractor)
- Lewis Concrete Restoration, (Minority Hispanic subcontractor)
- DEA Specialties Co, Inc., (Woman subcontractor)

The Department has added two new awards for recipients within the City of Austin. The internal awards will recognize a City of Austin employee and a City of Austin Department or Work Group for their commitment and support of SMBR's mission. This year's recipients are:

- MBE/WBE Advocate - Carlos Lopez, Public Works Department
- Department Award - eCapris Team, Financial Services Department

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SMBR also use this occasion to recognize the efforts of our Service Providers for their assistance with outreach and communications in the Construction arena. :

- Asian Contractors Association (ACA)
- Austin Area Black Contractors Association (ABCA)
- Hispanic Contractors Association de Austin (USHCA)

### **About The Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR)**

The City of Austin’s Small & Minority Business Resources Department assists small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses as they pursue contracting opportunities with the City of Austin; encourages Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE), Women-Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) to participate on City contracts; certifies qualified Small Business Enterprises (SBE) for the Small Business Construction Program; provides bonding education and oversees the City’s MBE/WBE and DBE contracting goals in the areas of construction, professional services, commodities and nonprofessional services.

