



# City of Austin

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## Small and Minority Business Resources

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## City of Austin Celebrates Diversity Local firms Awarded for Contracting Efforts

The City of Austin's Small & Minority Business Resources Department (SMBR) honors several local businesses as we celebrate eleven years of Diversity in Contracting on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street, Austin, TX 78702.

Each year, SMBR recognizes firms that exhibit high standards in contracting, outreach, and performance in support of the City of Austin's Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE & DBE) programs. This year, SMBR is proud to celebrate the two companies for their exemplary work as primes on local contracts:

- Santa Clara Construction, Ltd., Prime Contractor of the Year
- Wiss, Janey, Elstner Associates Inc., Prime Consultant of the Year

SMBR honors four ***Small Businesses of the Year*** which are certified minority- and women-owned certified firms that have been successful on City of Austin contracts.

- Rama Tiru - Photography
- Lewis Clark Trucking, LLC. - Hauling
- Jose I Guerra, Inc. - Engineering
- The Entermedia Group, LLC/TEG - Consulting

SMBR congratulates our ***2016 Graduates***. Companies graduate from our MBE/WBE program once they exceed Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard limits.

- Capitol Concrete Contractors - Concrete
- Cherry Painting Company Inc. – Painting
- Glenn Steel, LLC. – Welding

*The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.  
Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request.*

- N-Line Traffic – Traffic Barricades
- Viking Fence Company LTD. – Fencing

The Department appreciates **City employees and departments** for the commitment and support of SMBR's mission.

- MBE/WBE Advocate – Amelie Gonzalez, Austin Energy
- Department Award – The Purchasing Office

SMBR also recognizes the efforts of our **Service Providers** for their support with outreach, communications and assistance 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.