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Bexar County Hosting 17th Annual Business Conference

More than 150 exhibitors and 4,000 attendees expected

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS – The Bexar County Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department is hosting its 2017 Bexar County Business Conference on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Freeman Expo Hall. Throughout the past 16 years, public and private sector organizations have provided tremendous opportunities for participants and buyers to connect.

“The Bexar County Business Conference sends a message to the entire community that everyone is welcome at the table,” stated Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff. “Our community is made up of thousands of small, minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses. This conference brings opportunities to meet with government agencies and private businesses they otherwise would not have.”

The conference will feature Michael Gibson, co-founder & chairman of CVG Group and owner of EBONY and JET magazines, and Angel Grizzle, director of corporate security with Charter Communications. The all-day conference features workshops, vendor education, and access to the Microsoft Technology Center and CPS Energy Veterans Business Center.

The CPS Energy Veterans Business and Resource Center is designed to help new and existing veteran business owners position their firms to gain access to the federal and other marketplaces. Other attending agencies and organizations will provide an overview and update on: (1) the Service Disabled Veteran Procurement Program, (2) U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army initiatives for increasing contracting opportunities for veteran-owned firms, and subcontracting and marketing to the Department of Defense, (3) information from the Veterans Administration on what is available exclusively for veterans and their families, as well as information from CPS Energy, and community organizations.

“As a veteran, I understand the challenges that many of our military men and women face once they take off the uniform. Because of their sacrifices to our Nation, it is our duty to ensure their success in transitioning into the civilian workforce,” stated Precinct 2 Commissioner Paul Elizondo. “The Bexar County Business Conference helps arm our veterans with the tools they need to go out and establish successful business practices. I am very proud to have helped start these efforts.”

Registrants will be able to discover new opportunities, learn about new resources, and find out how to certify their business as small, minority, woman, or veteran-owned, as well as join in on available workshops from the UTSA Institute for Economic Development, the Texas Department of Information Resources, Microsoft, the Texas Department of Transportation, and others.

Because of the tremendous contributions from Bexar County and sponsors, this event is free to the public. Registration is available online at www.bexar.org/businessconference.

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