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City Moving Forward with Implementing SBE Changes

Accomplishes OPEN Cincinnati Recommendations to Broadcast Future City Projects

Cincinnati, OH – Today, the City of Cincinnati is releasing a portfolio of purchasing opportunities available within all City departments. As a result of the OPEN Cincinnati Taskforce, the Administration's SBE Core team and the Mayor's Office have been working to implement the key recommendations since the report was presented to the Mayor in June. When the recommendations were presented, the City was charged with assembling procurement and project opportunities within a 180 day timeframe and applying the key elements of inclusion for minority participation for contracts below $50,000.

For the first time, the City Administration has compiled a listing of current and future business opportunities available within the Purchasing Division and departments of the City of Cincinnati for as far out as 2013.

"Today's actions shows that we have taken seriously the charge of growing economic opportunities for small businesses to work with the City of Cincinnati," stated Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory.

Mayor Mallory created OPEN Cincinnati in March after a report showed that very few minority-owned businesses received contracts from the City. Open Cincinnati is a collaborative effort between the African American Chamber, Hispanic Chamber, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, minority business owners, the faith community and inclusion experts. The group's mission was to make specific and practical recommendations for short-term changes to the City's SBE program aimed at achieving substantive participation of minority and women owned firms.

An update on the City's progress with the SBE Task Force Recommendations and information on City contracting opportunities will be provided at a public meeting hosted by the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce and the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati on October 13, 2009 from 6:30 — 7:30 p.m. 3458 Reading Road-Cincinnati, OH 45229. Confirm your reservation with Robin A. Ewing at 513-487-6535 or raewing@gcul.org.

Information about the City's business opportunities will be shared at the public meeting and available on the City's website at http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cmgr/pages/-13239-/ .

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