

Special Note: The following are minutes that summarize the Regional Business Development Advisory Council meeting and not a transcript of the meeting.

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REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 10, 2023 9:00 A.M.

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Regional Transportation Commission - Tonita Brown –Chair
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Chelsea Meggersson – Vice Chair
Las Vegas Valley Water District - Jim Haining - Secretary
City of Las Vegas – Tonya Kemble, Niki Gomoluh, Denise Marcella, Tressa Fernandez
City of North Las Vegas – Marie Leake
Clark County – Scott Clark
Clark County Regional Flood Control District -Jessica Honour
Clark County School District - Steve Skaggs, Michael Thrower
Clark County Water Reclamation District - Tom Maino
College of Southern Nevada – Paula Gonzales
Harry Reid International Airport – David Eclips
Henderson Library District – Viveca Grinstead
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District - Cherrie DeLaney
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority – Carla Hampton
Nevada Department of Transportation – Amanda Alexander, Julie Boyster
Southern Nevada Health District - Gabi Montaldo, Diane Haddix
Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority – Johnny Shaw Nikki
Southern Nevada Water Authority - Chetan Champaneri
University Medical Center of Southern Nevada – Emelia Allen
University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Andrew Smith

Members Absent:

City of Henderson - Brenda West

Guests:

None

I. Call to Order

Tonita Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Introductions

Roll Call

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Approval of May 11, 2023 Minutes

May 11, 2023 minutes approval. Motion by Julie Boyster, second by Michael Thrower. Passed unanimously.

V. Updates

a. Communications

None

b. Legislative

SB185 & SB 272 did not pass this year. There will be no changes to our reporting requirements. Jim will present the reporting spreadsheet at a future meeting

c. Committed to Our Business Community (CTOBC)

- Scheduled for September 19, 2023 at LVCVA, West Hall
- Flyer has been distributed to exhibitors and attendees
- Tables will not be assigned
- Sponsorship for food & drinks, must use Centerplate as concessionaire

d. Nevada Government eMarketplace (NGEM)

- As of 8/2023, there are 22,560 registered suppliers and 29 entities using NGEM
- Las Vegas Users Conference will be January 16-17, 2024 at LVVWD

e. Discuss implementation of supplier diversity programs within our individual entities

- CCSD is going to develop a supplier diversity program to implement recommendations of disparity study and hire a staff of approx. 3 people.
- City of Las Vegas does not have formal program but City has a Diversity Officer that attends outreach events
 - Has found that net 30 payment terms is too long, so accelerating payments for small, diverse businesses
- RTC has the RISE program. Invites small, diverse businesses to lunch and learn to give businesses feedback.

f. Report on meeting of subcommittee to address communication/presentation/report to help paint the picture of the challenges and landscape of the diverse supplier community and what the entities are experiencing in our attempts to find diverse suppliers to participate in our purchasing/contracting efforts. Subcommittee met on May 23, 2023. Minutes of meeting attached.

- We need to get better at communicating the efforts and challenges we all face to political leaders locally and at the state level.
- There is a desire to have another meeting, Jim will schedule.

g. Topics to be addressed at future meetings

- None

VI. Informational Items

Public Announcements - August 29th, Harry Reid International Airport with other airports nationwide are conducting an online event to help car rental companies find diverse suppliers.

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Next Meeting Date

November 9, 2023 via Microsoft teams meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

RBDAC
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023
@ Las Vegas Valley Water District

Attendees:

Jim Haining, Las Vegas Valley Water District
Brenda West, City of Henderson
Amanda Alexander, Nevada Dept of Transportation
Marie Leake, City of No Las Vegas
Cherrie Delaney, Las Vegas Clark County Library District
Tom Maino, Clark County Water Reclamation District

Challenges we experience in doing more business with diverse suppliers

- Statutes have no set asides or incentives (exception in construction contracting for local companies, not diverse companies)
- Mostly self-certifications, few suppliers have gone through a certification process
- No statewide database with supplier certifications
- Difficult to get suppliers to report their diverse classification status
- Challenging to keep supplier records updated in our supplier records

What could we do better?

- Be better at marketing what we are currently doing
- We are under-reporting
 - Tier 2 spend (particularly in construction)
 - Tier 1 spend because we are not aware that a supplier is diverse nor what classification they belong to (i.e. SHI, which we all use, is an Asian-American, Women owned company and we all likely spend lots of \$ with them)

Reporting for biennial report

- Need to update the report to better stratify our spend
- Create definitions of the classifications

Landscape of So. Nevada

- Not a lot of diverse suppliers, particularly those with the capabilities to support local government purchasing outside of janitorial services and other low spend categories

List of diverse classifications

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| • African American Owned | • Women Owned |
| • Asian American Owned | • LGBTQ+ Owned |
| • Native American Owned | • Small Business Enterprise |
| • Hispanic American Owned | • Disadvantaged Business Enterprise |
| • Pacific Islander Owned | • Emerging Small Business |
| • Veteran Owned | ○ Tier 1 |
| • Disabled Veteran Owned | ○ Tier 2 |

Other Classifications

- Nevada Business Enterprise
- Out of State Business Enterprise