

SPOTLIGHT

ALAMO CITY BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Connecting Business with the
Community for a Legacy of Prosperity

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Founding Purpose



The Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) was established in April, 1938 to provide a conduit between the City of San Antonio, its agencies and other governmental entities to foster economic empowerment for businesses and individuals in the eastern quadrant of San Antonio. The Chamber's emphasis was to be part of the economic activity, promote jobs, training and business referrals to businesses and organizations.

Status of Black Businesses

In 2016, the city of San Antonio spent with African American vendors is 1% of their total purchases. The state of Texas spent 1.22% of their total purchasing budget with African American vendors. We are making formal information requests for African American vendor spending with multiple tax supported agencies in conjunction with the Fair Contracting Coalition's Report Card follow meetings.

Our mission is to advocate and educate on behalf of African American businesses.

Our Immediate Goals

- Educate members on certification process at all levels of government
- Provide financial sustainment opportunities for members
- Partner with agencies and municipalities to connect members with opportunities (*Examples: CPS provided a list of requirements for vendors, Alamo College District requested a member list to ensure members are aligned with the ACD database*).
- Summer program with Junior Achievement partnership. Finalizing location. Financial Park with expansion to Company Program

As your chamber, we are here to support you! Let us know how we can be there for you. Our new website is alamocitychamber.org. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call, email or stop by; we would love to hear from you.

Deborah Omowale
Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce, Chairman

Fair Contractor's Coalition Update



The Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Fair Contractor's Coalition, and on March 9, 2017, your chamber along with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian-American

Chamber of Commerce, West San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and the Christian Chamber of Commerce held a press conference at Atlas Body and Paint to reveal the success of SWM/BE spending with tax supported agencies. We graded the agencies and created a Report Card that details the results of our efforts.

To date, we have met with CPS Energy, Alamo College District and the City of San Antonio to review their spending with African American contractors and to discuss strategies on how to increase spending.

We will send a members only briefing sheet from CPS Energy outlining the types of vendors they typically hire. Also Alamo College District requested our member list to compare with their registered vendors to ensure our members are notified about upcoming opportunities. Make sure your membership is current to take advantage of these opportunities.

Fair Contracting Coalition Tax Supported Agencies Report Card	
Port San Antonio	A
Brooks City Base	B
City Of San Antonio	B
SAHA	B
SAWS	C
UTSA	C
VIA	C
CPS Energy	D
San Antonio ISD	F
Texas A&M San Antonio	F
Edwards Aquifer	F
University Health System	F
Alamo Colleges	F
Bexar County (No Response)	F
Northside ISD (No Response)	F
North East ISD (No Response)	F



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To view the Fair Contractor Coalition press conference, visit:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Le99EJcJKpQ>

Black Business Day At the State of Texas Capitol



March 31, 2017

Representing ACBC at Black Business Day at the Capitol, sponsored by the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce: Sha-Rone Reyes, 2nd Vice Chair, Tyrone Darden, Government Affairs Chairman, Deborah Omowale - Chairman of the Board

Board Retreat Bowden Alumni Center, St. Phillip's College

Get Ready for Golf with the Chamber

The Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce will once again host its Annual Golf Tournament at beautiful Silver Horn Golf Course on Friday, August 25, 2017. This will be a day of fun, friendship, and food. There will be prizes and an opportunity to network with individuals from numerous companies throughout the metropolitan area. If you love to golf or just want to walk the course please join us.

A portion of the proceeds supports both the Alamo City Black Chamber activities as well as the Entrepreneurial & Professional Institute Connection (EPIC) Leadership Program. EPIC was established in 2010 and is dedicated to building a network of community leaders who utilize their diverse talents, skills and unique perspectives to address community-wide challenges, identify viable alternatives, and helping solve today's and tomorrow's problems facing a growing San Antonio.

We hope that you will come out in August for this exciting event. If you are interested in playing, sponsoring a team, or just making a donation, please visit the Chamber's website at alamocitychamber.org or call 210.226.9055. For more information, contact Greg Thompson at 210.863.0601.



ACBC Golf Tournament

Friday, 25 August 2017

Registration: 7am
Shotgun Start: 8am

Cost

Single: \$150.00
Foursome: \$500.00

More Info

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Milestone Activities

- Dreamweek Kickoff Event with our Annual Founder's Luncheon
- Wreath-Laying Ceremony to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Participation in the MLK March
- Black History Month Reception at St. Philip's College honoring the area's Black elected officials with special honoree Mayor Ivy Taylor
- Fair Contractor's Coalition and Report Card Press Conference, 3/9/17
- SB6 "Bathroom Bill" Press Release with Rep. Hawkins, NAACP and Mayor's LGBT Liaison Participation
- Multiple education opportunities for members through our "Lunch and Learns".
- Reactivated membership with the Business Coalition (Business Association/Council/Chamber Chairs)
- Texas Association of African American Chambers, Day at the Capitol, March 31.
- Meetings with CPS Energy & Alamo College Districts, for African American vendor participation.
- Meetings with Frost Bank, BBVA Compass, Unity National Bank and Amegy Bank for members' financial opportunities.
- Renewed partnership with LaunchSA and UTSA

Short Term Goals

- Summer Youth Program partnership with Junior Achievement
- Identify interns to assist business owners with brand marketing created at the chamber's collaborative workspace.
- Provide HR training for small businesses
- Identify businesses and assist with SWMBE certification if desired for federal, state and local vendor opportunities
- Partner with the below agencies to assist in knowing and improving the scoring of African American Businesses.
- Capital access and bonding assistance for vendors
- Eastside Training Center Business programming



GALA UPDATE

2018 will mark the 80th Anniversary of the Alamo City Black Chamber, and we plan to celebrate. The gala committee is developing a spectacular 80th Anniversary celebration. Please save the date and know we are working diligently to find the perfect venue, catering, and décor to create an experience worthy of this monumental milestone.

ACBC 80th Anniversary Gala

January 5, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Gala Committee

Maria M Williams, Chair
Charlotte Guilmenot
Sherry Logan

Tony Leverett
Angela Martin
Greg Thompson

Upcoming Activities

4/12/2017

Website Launch

4/18/2017 @ 5:00 PM

"A Night of Engagement",
Membership Meeting,
Mayoral & District 2 Candi-
dates Forum

4/19/2017 @ 11:30 AM

United State of the City
Address with Mayor Ivy Taylor



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