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Charleston County Small Business Week to Be Celebrated With Free Workshops and Networking Events, May 18-22

Selected small businesses will also be recognized during May 19 County Council meeting

[Charleston County's Contracts and Procurement Department](#), [Small Business Enterprise Program \(SBE\)](#) and [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program](#) are celebrating [Charleston County Small Business Week](#) May 18-22, 2015. Throughout the week, free workshops and networking events will be held for small businesses of our area.

"This week is an opportunity for us as a county to recognize and promote small businesses and the impact they have on our community," said Holly Chesser with Charleston County Government's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program.

The County will host the following events:

- Tues., May 19 at 11:30 a.m.: [Business Law for Small Business Owners](#)
Presentation by: Wesley Henderson, Esq. of Henderson & Henderson, LLC.
This is a free workshop. Registration is required. Lunch will be provided.
- Wed., May 20 at 11:30 a.m.: [Your Business and Social Media](#)
Presentation by: Keisha Rivers Shorty of the Kars Group
This is a free workshop. Registration is required. Lunch will be provided.
- Thurs., May 21, 1-3 p.m.: [Contacts to Contracts: A Networking Event](#)
This is a free event. Please register online.

To sign up for these free workshops or events, click here:

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/procurement/workshops.php>

During the [May 19 regular Charleston County Council meeting](#), Charleston County Procurement Director Barrett Tolbert will present 2015 Charleston County Small Business of the Year and Prime Contractor of the Year recognitions. The following businesses will be recognized during the meeting.

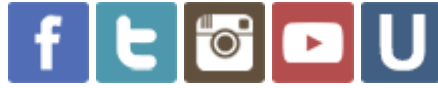
- **Small Business of the Year:** [Herdon, Inc.](#) has been a certified Small Business Enterprise Program member since 2008 and has participated as a subcontractor on many County projects over the years. They constantly deliver quality work at competitive prices and pride themselves in customer service excellence.
- **Prime Contractor of the Year:** [Banks Construction Company](#) has been a solid corporate partner of County Transportation projects for many years. Their support of Charleston County's Small Business Enterprise Program and their aggressive utilization of local, small and minority-owned businesses on County projects have provided tremendous subcontracting opportunities for these firms.

We encourage citizens posting to social media to use the Charleston County Small Business Week hash tag:
[#chascosmallbizweek](#)

For more information on [Charleston County's SBE Program](#) or any of the week's events, contact Holly Chesser by phone at (843) 958-4753 or by email at hchesser@charlestoncounty.org. To see the full agenda and details on the May 19 Council meeting, visit <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/index.php#agendas>.

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