

## **News Release**

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## Charleston County Offers Free SCDOT Unified Certification Program and Small Business Enterprise Workshop

Register in advance at: http://charlestoncounty.org/departments/Procurement/index.htm

<u>Charleston County Government</u>'s <u>Contracts and Procurement Department</u> announces a free <u>S.C. Department of Transportation</u> (SCDOT) <u>Unified Certification Program</u> (UCP) and <u>Small Business Enterprise</u> (SBE) workshop for small and minority business owners. The workshop will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, in Room B-339 of the County's Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston.

The presenters for the workshop are <u>Gary Linn, SCDOT Small Business Enterprise Program and Compliance Supervisor</u>, and <u>Holly Chesser with Charleston County's Small Business Enterprise Program</u>. Space is limited, so those interested in attending the free workshop are encouraged to register in advance online at <a href="http://charlestoncounty.org/departments/Procurement/index.htm">http://charlestoncounty.org/departments/Procurement/index.htm</a>.

"The workshops will provide an outstanding opportunity for firms to learn about the UCP and SBE process and how to increase their competitiveness in a complex market," said <a href="Charleston County Contracts and Procurement">County Contracts and Procurement</a> Director Barrett Tolbert.

## Those attending the workshop will have the opportunity to learn about:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/SBE Certification Requirements
- Navigating through the application process
- The benefits of being DBE and SBE certified

The workshop is hosted by Charleston County Contracts and Procurement Department's <u>Disadvantaged</u> <u>Business Enterprise</u> and <u>Small Business Enterprise</u> programs. For more information, contact Charleston County Contracts and Procurement Department at (843) 958-4750

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