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Charleston County to Observe Small Business Week with Free Workshops and Networking Events, May 2-6

Selected small businesses will also be recognized during April 26 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 2-6, 2016. Throughout the week, free workshops and networking events will be held for small business owners in 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 Contracts and Procurement Department Director Barrett Tolbert.

The County will host the following events:

- Tues., May 3 at 6:00 p.m. Business Law for Small Business Owners Presentation by Wesley Henderson, Esq. of Henderson & Henderson, LLC.
- Wed., May 4 at 6:00 p.m. Financial Planning for Small Businesses Presentation by Darryl Fyall of Coastal Financial Planning Group
- Thurs., May 5 at 11:00 a.m. Let's get social Charleston! Using social media to market your business: Presentation by Shawn Smetana & Natalie Hauff of Charleston County's Public Information Office

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

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

Space is limited, so those interested in attending the free workshop are encouraged to register in advance online at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/procurement/workshops.php> or by email Aliya Ross at aross@charlestoncounty.org

During the [April 26 regular Charleston County Council meeting](#), Charleston County Procurement Director Barrett Tolbert will present 2016 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: Grant Electrical Contracting, LLC 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: Michael Baker International for 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.

To see the full agenda and details on the April 26 Council meeting, visit

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/county-council/index.php#agendas>.

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