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## April 30 Annual Workshop and Matchmaker Opportunity for Small Businesses at James Island County Park

Register in advance for the free workshop at [www.charlestoncounty.org/sbe](http://www.charlestoncounty.org/sbe)

Small business owners will once again have the opportunity to learn how to expand their services to local government entities during a free business development workshop on Tuesday, April 30.

[Charleston County Government's Small Business Enterprise \(SBE\) Program](#), the [S.C. Small Business Development Center](#) (SCSBDC) and the [Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission](#) (CCPRC) will host the workshop, which will be held on **Tuesday, April 30, from 1-3 p.m. at the James Island County Park** located at 871 Riverland Drive on James Island. The park entrance fee will be waived for those attending the workshop.

The annual "Contacts for Contracts" workshop will feature speakers from the three sponsoring agencies on how small business owners can increase their ability to participate in government contract opportunities. [Charleston County Councilmember Anna B. Johnson](#) will also be in attendance to discuss upcoming opportunities with Charleston County government.

"Of all the business development events that the SBE Program sponsors, this annual networking opportunity is the most often requested," said Susan Hogan, who manages [Charleston County Government's SBE Program](#). "Key staff from three government agencies will participate in a 'matchmaker' session that follows the informational segment of the program, and participating small businesses will have an opportunity to pass on their marketing materials and to share information on their businesses face-to-face."

**Those wishing to attend are encouraged to sign up in advance or no later than the day before the workshop as follows:**

- Online at [www.charlestoncounty.org/sbe](http://www.charlestoncounty.org/sbe)
- By phone at (843) 958-4753

For more information on [Charleston County Government's SBE Program](#), contact Hogan by phone at (843) 958-4765 or by email at [shogan@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:shogan@charlestoncounty.org).

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