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Registration for small business construction course now open

The San Antonio Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Bexar County are partnering once again to offer “The Basics,” a training program designed to assist small business contractors with understanding the basic elements of running a successful commercial construction business.

“We are pleased to see this program in Bexar County,” said Commissioner Tommy Adkisson. “Oftentimes not enough has been done to stimulate more success among women and minorities in the local construction industry and these courses will change that.”

The 10-week class focuses on technical and administrative skills with a special emphasis on how to do business with Bexar County. The topics covered include project management, financial management and job costing, understanding contracts and how to meet insurance requirements. Classes are held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10 at the AGC offices at 10806 Gulfdale St.

“The Basics is an amazing learning opportunity taught by industry leaders who have been dealing with the same issues and are willing to share their best practices,” said Julissa Carrielo, a graduate of the program. “I’m a huge believer that the best way to improve is to learn from the best. I would definitely recommend it.”

Registration information can be found at <http://gov.bexar.org/smwbe/basicsclass.html>; the registration deadline is August 16. Selected participants will be notified by Aug. 30. There is a registration fee of \$150, but participants who attend eight of the ten sessions will receive full reimbursement.

“Graduates from ‘The Basics’ also come prepared to enter into a two-year, intense mentoring program that enables participants to absorb and implement dramatic changes in their businesses,” added Mike Boyle of M.J. Boyle General Contractors and an industry mentor.

*The San Antonio Chapter of the AGC is a ninety-year old trade association promoting skill, integrity, and responsibility on the local building construction industry. Its 365 member firms build hotels, offices, schools, stadiums, hospitals, retail centers, military facilities, etc.
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