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### **Bexar County Announces Redesigned Small Business Website**

SAN ANTONIO, TX –The Bexar County Small Business & Entrepreneurship Department (SBED) is proud to announce the relaunch of [www.bexar.org/smwbe](http://www.bexar.org/smwbe). It has been redesigned from the ground up to serve small business owners and entrepreneurs of Bexar County and provides information on starting & growing your business, working with Bexar County, discovering new opportunities, and more.

Updates to the existing website were needed in response to new guidelines, data compliance, and reporting measures in the updated Bexar County Purchasing Manual and SMWBE Policy as well as new programs such as SMWBExcel, SBED’s small business accelerator, and the African-American Business Enterprise Initiative. The new design is also mobile-friendly for browsing on a mobile phone or tablet, enabling users to connect to business resources on the go.

“We are proud to have this newly redesigned website that will help entrepreneurs and business owners in Bexar County,” says County Judge Nelson Wolff. “Our economy is strongest when it is inclusive and diverse, and our robust MWBE program works to ensure entrepreneurs and small businesses have the tools and resources they need to succeed.”

The site is broken into six main sections to help users find what they are looking for:

- **How Do I...** provides helpful links, connections, and links for businesses that are just starting up, looking to grow, or who want to do business with Bexar County. Information on education & training events, registering as a Bexar County Vendor, and getting your business certified are only a sample of what is available for you.

- **About SBED**, where you'll find information about the Small Business and Entrepreneurship team, including contact information, news, photos & videos, and more. You can even request an appointment with our office or ask a question using our online forms!
- **Opportunities**, also known as the Opportunity Link, provides links and information about local, state, and federal government entities, as well as school districts, colleges & universities, and general contractors
- **Compliance** provides information on the Bexar County Small, Minority, and Women-owned Business Enterprise / Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs, Requirements for contracting with Bexar County, and tools for outreach & utilization measurement & reporting.
- **Directory** connects you with multiple databases, such as the Contract & Diversity Management System (CDMS), the Bexar County Purchasing Supplier Portal, the Texas Centralized Master Bidders List (CMBL), and the Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP).
- **Conference** links you to the annual Bexar County Business Conference, which is the largest small business event of the year. Information including agendas, exhibitor lists, speakers, photos and more from our 17-year history can be found here, as well as online registration for our upcoming conference on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

"SMWBEs are critical to creating a strong and diverse workforce, and this updated website helps build on that momentum," SBED Director Renee Watson says. "It is really a one-stop shop for business owners and entrepreneurs in Bexar County. We've made the page faster, easier to navigate, and added many new tools and features. Now, you can schedule an appointment with us - 24/7!"

Visit the new website today at [www.bexar.org/smwbe](http://www.bexar.org/smwbe). If you have any questions or would like more information on how the Bexar County Small Business & Entrepreneurship Department can help you, contact us at (210) 335-2478, email [smwbe@bexar.org](mailto:smwbe@bexar.org), or visit us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

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**Bexar County Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department Mission Statement:**

The County's Department of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department (SBED) embodies the strong partnership between economic development and entrepreneurship. The SB&E Department, which is charged with the responsibility of administrating the Small, Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (SMWVBE) Program, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and coordination for US DOT Title VI Regulations as applied to Bexar County's Federal Highway (FHWA) funded projects, seeks to establish innovative programs that involve new or existing businesses and provide monitoring and compliance.