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Durham Offers Small Local Business Enterprise Program Seminar

Free Seminar for Small Firms in Durham, Person, Orange, and Chatham Counties

- What:** City of Durham Small Local Business Enterprise Program Seminar
- Who:** City of Durham Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance (EO/EA) Department
- When:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Where:** City Hall Council Chambers
101 City Hall Plaza, 1st Floor
Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- The City of Durham Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program designates City construction projects valued at \$500,000 or less and professional services projects of \$100,000 or less to be eligible for bid or proposal by certified small local firms located within Durham, Person, Orange, and Chatham counties.
- During this free seminar an SLBE program overview, benefits, and the certification process will be discussed. City project managers will also share information on upcoming projects, and staff with the City's EO/EA Department will be available to assist participants with the SLBE certification process.
- Participants are asked to pre-register by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Vincent Wingate by [email](#) or at (919) 560-4180, extension 17241.

- This free seminar was developed by the City's Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department to provide technical assistance services to local, small businesses.
- Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in this event by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (919) 560-4197 or by [email](#) as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

About the Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department

The City of Durham's [Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department](#) is responsible for the implementation of the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Responsibilities include implementation of race and gender neutral measures to facilitate the participation of Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (SDBE) in City contracting activity, recruitment, certification, and maintenance of SDBE data bank, business development, City project compliance, monitoring, and reporting. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work, and play by focusing on a strong and diverse economy, assuring that City is an innovative and high-performing organization, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical and environmental assets.

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