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Durham Celebrates MED Week October 3-7

September 30 Registration Deadline

DURHAM, N.C. – Local business owners will get their chance next month to learn how to connect their businesses with more opportunities during the [2016 Minority Enterprise Development \(MED\) Week](#).

The City of Durham, in partnership with multiple community, state and federal agencies as well as local businesses, will observe 2016 MED Week from October 3-7, 2016. MED Week celebrates the achievements of minority entrepreneurs and affirms government, business, and community organizations' commitment to the principle of equal opportunity.

Special events for this year's celebration include an honors breakfast; a seminar focusing on new projects coming to Durham; a business fair; and MED Week Golf Day. This year's theme is *Small Businesses: Continuing to Survive & Thrive.* The deadline to [register](#) to attend any of the events is Friday, September 30.

- **Meet the Developers of Durham Projects:** Monday, October 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Durham near Duke University, 3800 Hillsborough Rd. The cost is free, but [registration](#) is required.
- **MED Week Honors Breakfast:** Tuesday, October 4, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at American Tobacco Campus Bay 7, 318 Blackwell St. The cost is \$30 per person and [registration](#) is required. The keynote speaker will be John Moore, Ph.D., who is founder and CEO of John Moore Leadership Consulting. Moore will share his experience of going from homeless and poor to now serving as President of Operations for a multi-billion dollar corporation, leading 22,000 associates, overseeing \$6 billion in sales and over 1,000 locations.

- **The Chamber's Guide: Survival 101:** Wednesday, October 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bank of North Carolina, 280 S. Mangum St. The cost is \$50 per person and [registration](#) is required.
- **MED Week Business Fair:** Thursday, October 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Durham Armory, 220 Foster St. The cost is free, but [registration](#) is required.
- **MED Week Golf Day:** Friday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Falls Village Golf Club, 115 Falls Village Dr. Golfer's Cost is \$45 per person and includes food, green fee, and cart; Golf Clinic is \$20 per person. [Registration](#) for is required.

Durham's local observance is a collaborative effort between the City of Durham Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, Skanska USA Building, Inc., Durham County Government, N.C. Institute of Minority Economic Development, Duke University, Duke Health, Balfour Beatty Construction, U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency Business Center, Greater Durham Black Chamber of Commerce, Derwood Plummer and Thomas, Le Chase Construction, and Gilbane.

Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in these events 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 event. For more information about Durham's 2016 MED Week observance, contact Director Deborah Giles with the City's Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department at (919) 560-4180 or by [email](#).

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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