



# News Release

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## Durham Offers Construction Firm Seminar for Future Contracting Opportunities

**What:** Construction Firms Evening Out

**Who:** City of Durham Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department

**When:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Where:** City Hall Council Chambers, 101 City Hall Plaza, First Floor, Durham, N.C. 27701

### Fast Facts:

- Construction firms are encouraged to attend this seminar to connect with other construction firms and discover which contracting opportunities are on the horizon. Representatives from the City of Durham and Durham County will share information about upcoming projects for 2019.
- The discussion will also include an overview of the Equal Business Opportunity Program with an emphasis on the establishment of Underutilized Business Enterprise goals, contractor outreach, and the Good Faith Effort review process.
- Attendees are encouraged to come prepared to engage with expectations of forging new partnerships and becoming more familiar with the City's contracting process. Refreshments will also be served.
- Attendees are asked to RSVP for this free seminar by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Eric Miller by [email](#) or at (919) 560-4180, ext. 17241.

### About the Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department

The City of Durham [Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department](#) (EO/EA) 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 Underutilized Business Enterprises (UBEs) in contracting activity with the City. The department also administers the Small Local Business Enterprise Program (SLBE) which works to increase employment opportunities for residents through recruitment, certification, and maintenance of the SLBE 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 efforts are innovative and high-performing, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical and environmental assets.

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