

San Jose Small Business Development Commission

Focuses on Outreach with Newsletter

Best Prime Contractor to Receive Award

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This is the first issue of a monthly newsletter published by the San Jose Small Business Development Commission (SBDC). The newsletter has been created to provide details of the SBDC's efforts to improve city government and create opportunities for small, local and disadvantaged businesses.

The SBDC is one of several critical feedback and policy-making organizations reporting to city council. The City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED) facilitates SBDC meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at the City Hall tower. Headed by dedicated volunteers from various local business disciplines, the SBDC discusses issues that are timely and pertinent to the local business community.

For 2006, the SBDC is committed to investigate ways to increase and enhance small and disadvantage business participation in city contracts and vending opportunities. Their second primary objective is to improve the use and effectiveness of city programs that assist small and disadvantaged businesses.

Finally, the SBDC is seeking your assistance to increase awareness of the SBDC activities and goals. In furtherance, the SBDC has created the Best Prime Contractor award to encourage the inclusion of disadvantaged businesses in the city contracts. At the end of the year, this award will be presented to the prime contractor that employs the greatest number of disadvantaged businesses in their contracts with the city.

The SBDC welcomes input from the local business community. Interested parties can best reach the SBDC at its meetings or via email. In the past year, the SBDC has received input from the various local and multiethnic chambers of commerce, local and small business owners, city planners and individual entrepreneurs.

About the SBDC:

The SBDC members include Spencer Horowitz (Chairperson), Chuck Mondave (Vice-Chairperson), James Charles, Jordan Dancer, Joyce Puopolo, Daisy Chu, Brian Rossman, Alkesh Desai, Helen Wand, Kidane Haile, Gopi Niduvadan, Rudy Rodriquez and Chuck Hoffman. The OED support person is Dhez Woodworth. Information regarding the SBDC can be found at their website below.

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