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## **INFORMATION:**

### **May 22 – Think BIG: Business In Government Symposium and Reverse Trade Show**

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On May 22, 2014, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will host the “Think BIG: Business In Government Symposium and Reverse Trade Show” at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center. The event features educational sessions from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., followed by a networking reception from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This event will provide local business owners a unique opportunity to meet with staff from the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Central Piedmont Community College, and the Charlotte Housing Authority to learn about each organization’s contracting process and receive information on best practices.

Attendees will also receive on-site assistance in becoming certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Woman Business Enterprise (WBE), or a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) to take advantage of government contracting programs.

The symposium includes sessions entitled “Think BIG in Construction” and “Think BIG in Services,” while the trade show will offer local business owners the opportunity to network and introduce their products and services to each other.

City Council is invited to attend this event. To attend, please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ThinkBIGEvent>.

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