



EXPO 2010

Right Here, Right Now!

October 6 -7, 2010

George R. Brown Convention Center, Exhibit Hall E, 1001 Avenida de las Americas,
Houston, TX 77010



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The Marketplace

Online registration is now CLOSED. Registration will resume onsite at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Exhibit Hall E on October 6, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

EXPO 2010 - RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW. the event of the year dedicated to minority business development within the private and government sector. Attend all the events starting with the Pre-EXPO Marketplace Preparation Seminars designed to sharpen your buying and selling techniques. [Learn more about the Conference](#)

EXPO At A Glance

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 - George R. Brown Convention Center – Exhibit Hall E

Registration Opens - 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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New –Step It Up! Seminar –8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
George R. Brown Convention Center Exhibit Hall E

Be totally motivated during the **Step It Up** morning session. Daniel Grissom, speaker, coach and trainer, will inspire you to reap the benefits you are seeking when you attend EXPO's Marketplace the following day. A much-sought-after expert in business development, Mr. Grissom will guide you towards obtaining the results you seek and desire. [See Video](#)

Capital Connections Luncheon 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
George R. Brown Convention Center Exhibit Hall E

Come enjoy conversation and information over a **luncheon** sponsored by Wells Fargo. A group of Wells Fargo's team will be on hand to discuss benefits and different programs they have designed specifically for small business to assist them with big banking.

20/20 Insight - (Procurement Forums)

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

New Step It Up! Sneak Pre-View!
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2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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12:35 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

Don't miss out! Attend the "day before EXPO" marketplace **20/20 Insight forums**. Top executives from the Petrochemical/Oil and Gas, Medical, Technology, Government, Transportation and Aerospace Industries will discuss industry trends for the coming year, the economic impact to their respective industry AND upcoming opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information

Best of Class - 5:30p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

The Crystal Ballroom @ The Rice Hotel - 909 Texas 77002

Attend the EXPO **Best of Class** reception the "evening before EXPO", sponsored by some of HMSDC's leading MBEs. Continue your networking strategy. Come prepared to meet the buyers representing Houston's major corporations. Have a first-class experience as you enter into the different worlds of contracting possibilities. Click [here](#) for more information

***EXPO Registration will not be accepted at the Best of Class Reception. To register for EXPO you must register onsite at the George R. Brown Convention Center on October 6, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and October 7, 2010 at 6:30 a.m. ***

Thursday, October 7 – George R. Brown Convention Center – Exhibit Hall E

Registration opens - 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Early Bird Energizer – 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

The Early Bird Energizer breakfast the day of EXPO pays tribute to the Marketplace Sponsors and MBE Best of Class Sponsors who, because of their generous sponsorships, continue to make EXPO extremely successful. Don't miss out on starting your day making great contacts. Be motivated into action by our dynamic breakfast keynote speaker, [Daniel Grissom!](#) (video)

EXPO Marketplace Ribbon Cutting - Business Starts

"Right Here, Right Now!" – 8:30 a.m.

Industry leaders guide the procession to officially open a full day of business marketplace opportunities. Get ready to witness a unique ribbon cutting experience guiding you onto the tradeshow floor filled with countless contracting potential.

The Marketplace (Products/Services EXPO) – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Over 1,500 corporate buyers attend EXPO looking for suppliers who can provide their corporation with quality services and products, meet their timelines and provide exceptional value while meeting the corporation's cost-saving needs. More than 1,000 top MBE executives attend the EXPO to present their products and services to buyers from corporations, government agencies, educational, financial and medical institutions and other MBEs. The Marketplace is the place to be to PROCURE products and services and to PROMOTE products and services.

The Rigel Awards – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The **Rigel Awards Luncheon** brings major corporations and MBEs together. They will be given genuine recognition for their continued support and contribution to the development of minority businesses. Each table seats five corporate representatives, serving as hosts, along with five EXPO attendees. To secure your ideal seating, register EARLY for more networking opportunities.

One-to-One - 9:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

By Corporate Invite Only

Discuss contracting opportunities with the corporation(s) that *invites you* to discuss your product or service with their representative. In these face-to-face sessions, you meet privately with corporate buyers and representatives regarding potential short or long-term contracting opportunities. **NOTE:** You

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