



A/E/C Committee Meeting

RHCA . . . the leader in Diversity Inclusion
Networking and building business relationships and opportunities

April 12, 2023

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Welcome

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Committee Introductions

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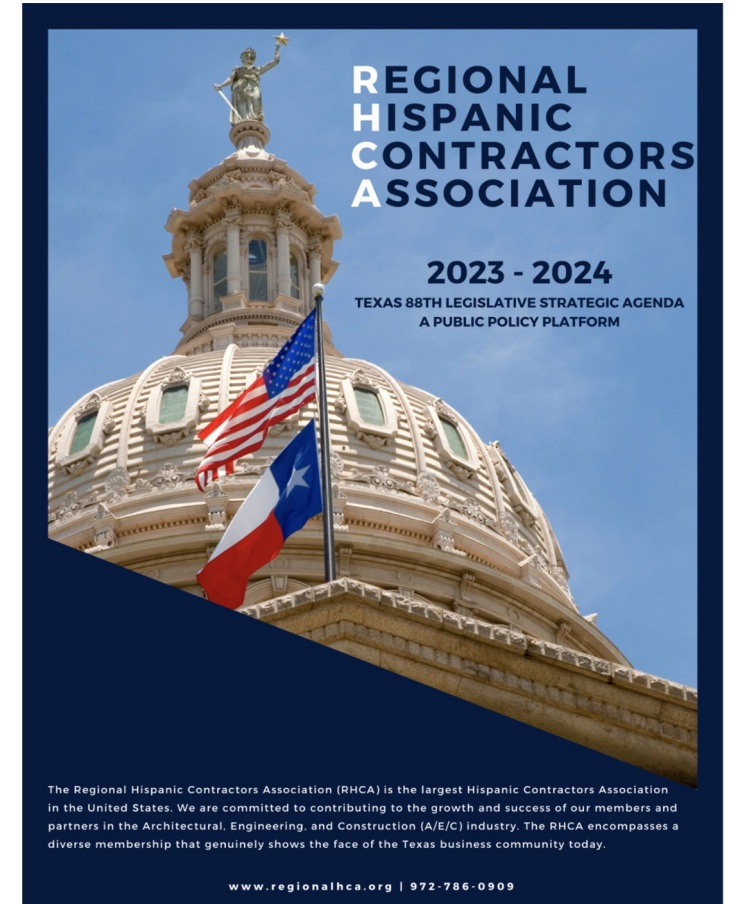
Q & A

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Committee Discussions

- Legislative Update - Currently Tracking 161 bills
 - HB 5140 - **URGENT**
 - Friday Weekly Bill Review Sessions
 - Committee Participation
 - Share Bills RHCA to look at



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Legislative

Number of Bills being tracked by RHCA - 161 Bills

Identified Priority Bill(s)

➤ **HB 5140**

Relating to a prohibition against the consideration of race or ethnicity as a factor in governmental employment or contracting, in other governmental functions, and in higher education admissions.

Why is it important to the RHCA? State Contracts with Minority goals would be prohibited.

Recommended Stance: Not Support

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Call to Action!

RHCA Public Statement Against House Bill 5140

HB 5140 The END of Inclusion for Minority Businesses in State and Local contracting in Texas!

March 31, 2023

Dear RHCA and Community Members:

Texas State Representative Cain (HD-128) introduced House Bill 5140, which is "... against the consideration of race or ethnicity as a factor in governmental employment or contracting, in other governmental functions, and in higher education admissions."

The Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA) joins our fellow advocacy organizations, advocates, and allies who oppose this bill. This bill, along with several other "anti-DEI" proposed state legislation and statements from the Governor's office, have triggered the need for our organization, which believes in an equitable government, to become outspoken in defending Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies and practices and the compelling legal interest that these initiatives need to exist.

Learn more about RHCA's position... [Click Here](#)

The impact of HB 5140 to END inclusion of Hispanic, Black, Asian, and Native American minorities in Texas:

- State and Local contracting in Texas
- State and Local governmental jobs
- State-funded colleges/universities
- Any State Political Subdivision including Cities, Counties, School Districts, Hospitals...etc

Call to Action

Join the RHCA and Partnering Organizations for a trip to Austin, TX, on Tuesday, April 4th

RSVP Austin Visit



RHCA's delegations along with delegations of other advocacy organizations

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RHCA Chair, Luis Delgado and Board Member Hector Ruiz.

RHCA President, John Martinez, speaking with Gilbert May III



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RHCA Visit to Capitol to kill HB 5140



We visited the office of State Representative Will Metcalf of District 16. HD-16 represents Montgomery county in the Houston area.

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RHCA visits the Office of the office of State Representative Ana Hernandez from House District 143.



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Visit to State Representative Ana Hernandez who represents House District 143 in Houston.



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State Representative Ron Reynolds speaking at the Press Conference

Advocacy organizations at the anti-DEI press conference



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State Representative Ron Reynolds and Senator Royce West speaking at the Press Conference.



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Texas Legislative Black Caucus at the anti-DEI press conference

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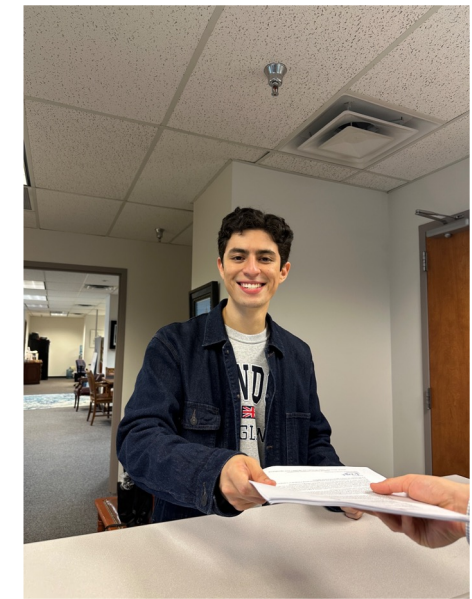


Testifying against SB 17

On Thursday, April 6th, Fernando dropped off copies of RHCA's written testimony against SB 17.

Senate Witness Registration was completed in the kiosk tablets outside of the designated committee hearing room (EI.028).

Subsequently, the written testimonies were dropped off at the Senate Committee on Education's Office.



Budget Night for the 88th Legislature

On the night of Thursday, April 6th, 2023, the Texas House of Representatives carried out their hearing of HB 1, also known as “Budget Night”.

HB 1 passed on a vote of 136-10.

Lawmakers debated for more than 12 hours.

One important outcome of budget night is that Texas lawmakers kept their anti-DEI proposal.



23 Apr-3 AM 08:39
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. ____

BY: Cain

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) as follows:
2 (1) In Article IX of the bill, add the following
3 appropriately numbered section to the General Limitations on
4 Expenditures to read as follows:
5 Sec. 6.__. Limitation on Use of State Funds for Diversity,
6 Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices by State Agencies or
7 Political Subdivisions. To the extent allowed by federal and state
8 law, monies appropriated by this Act may not be distributed to any
9 state agency or political subdivision that, during the period for
10 which monies under this Act are appropriated, adopts or implements
11 any diversity, equity, and inclusion practice or program,
12 including in relation to the hiring and supervision of employees,
13 mandatory or recommended training, or programmed activities.

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Bills Referred to Committee Hearings This Week

- HB 2598 (Gamez, Erin)
Committee Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th

Caption: Relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a workplace soft skills training pilot program.

- HB 1466 (Clardy, Travis)
Committee Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th

Caption: Relating to the regulation of certain continuing education programs.

- SB 1621 (Kolkhorst, Lois)
Committee Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th

Caption: Relating to requiring state contractors, political subdivisions of this state, and private employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify

- HB 4123 (Guillen, Ryan)
Committee Hearing Scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th

Caption: Relating to the dissemination of criminal history record information by the Department of Public Safety.

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AEC Committee Upcoming Events and Topics of Interest

- City of Dallas Event
- Heavy Highway Forum – Statewide
- Build Fort Worth 2023 Construction Expo
- Municipal Improvements
- Water/Wastewater Event
- Federal Event
- Facilities Event
- Water Resources Event
- Transportation/Roadway Event

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Heavy Highway Forum 2023 – Statewide

- Thursday, June 8, 2023 - Houston District
- Thursday, September 21 or Thursday, October 19, 2023 - Austin & San Antonio Districts
- Friday, November 17, 2023 - Dallas and Fort Worth Districts

Note: These dates do not fall on a “letting date”

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2023 Heavy Highway Forum

Budget Goal All Three Cities

- Revenue 70,000.00

2022 Heavy Highway Forum

- Revenue 38,000.00
- Expenses 2,608.24
- Net Income 35,391.76
- Attendance 150

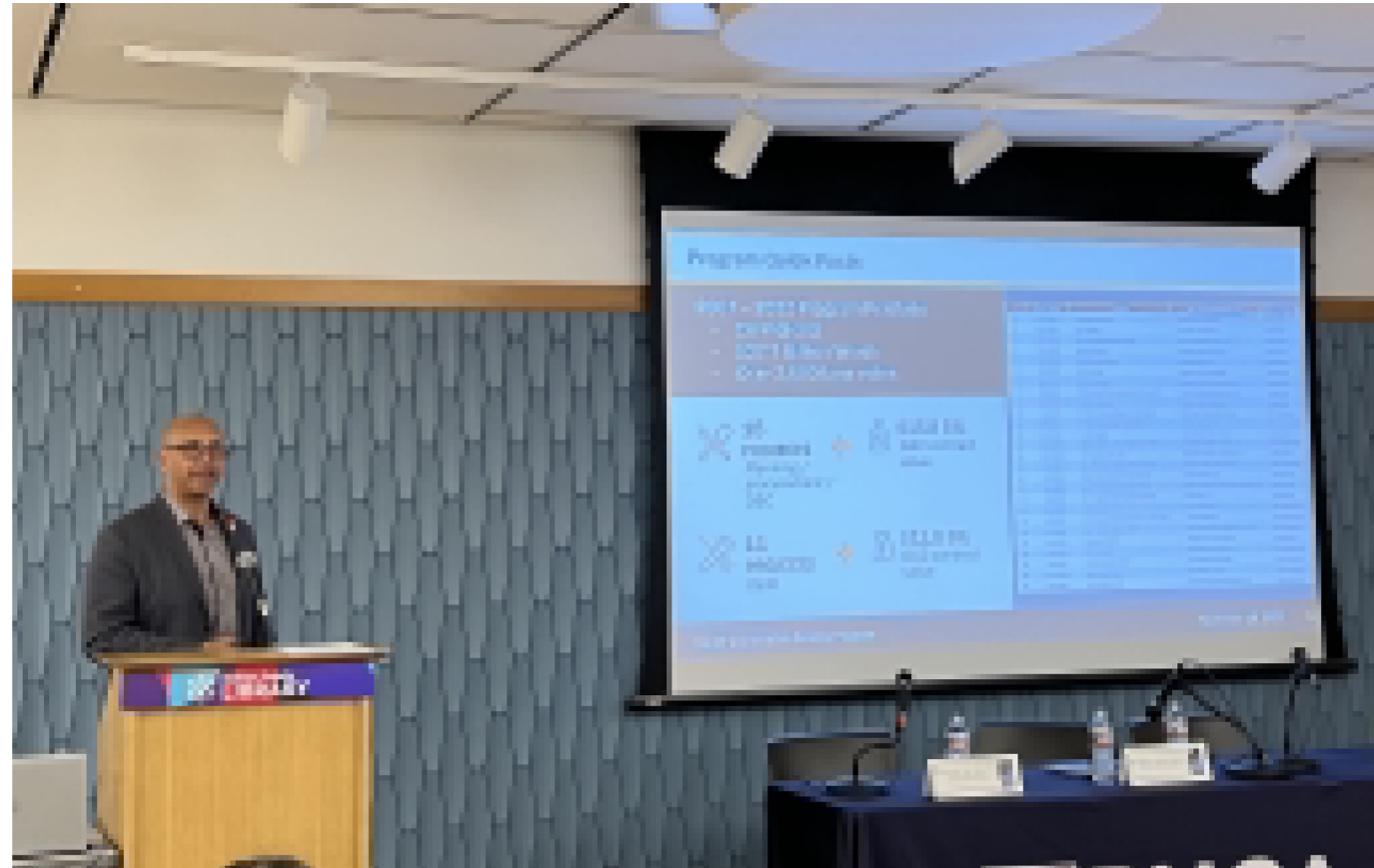
2021 Heavy Highway Forum

- Revenue 13,050.00
- Expenses 212.39
- Net Income 12,837.61
- Attendance 120



2023 Heavy Highway Forum Proposed Agenda

- Welcome Remarks – 8:30 am
- TxDOT Statewide Update – 9:00 am
- District Update – 9:45 am
- Breakout Session 10:20 am
 - Construction
 - PEPS
- Lunch Break – 11:30 am
- Alternative Delivery Presentation 11:45 am
- Closing Remarks 12:00 pm



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2023 Heavy Highway Forums Next Steps

- Identify Venues
 - Houston
 - Central Texas (South Austin, North of San Antonio)
 - Dallas / Fort Worth Arlington
- Venue Requirements
 - Main Room Capacity
 - 150 attendees
 - 15-20 exhibitors
 - Food can be allowed
 - Breakout Room Capacity
 - 60 attendees
- Sponsorship Menu
- Identify Partnering Organizations
 - Houston
 - Central Texas
 - Dallas/Fort Worth
- Committee Meeting Schedule



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RHCA | Webinar

Infrastructure Bill Opportunities Impact on Texas with a Focus on North Texas

- ***Federal highway programs:*** \$26.9 billion
- ***Public Transportation:*** \$3.3 billion
- ***Drinking water infrastructure (and removing lead pipes):*** \$2.9 billion
- ***Airports:*** \$1.2 billion
- ***Bridge replacement and repairs:*** \$537 million
- ***Electric vehicle charging network:*** \$408 million
- ***Broadband expansion:*** \$100 million
- ***Wildfire protection:*** \$53 million
- ***Cyberattacks protection:*** \$42 million

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Agenda

2023 Pre-Committee Meeting Date Agenda Review

- Wednesday, March 15, 2023
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023
- Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023
- Wednesday, August 16, 2023
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 *
- Wednesday, December 14, 2023*

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RHCA Day of the Construction Worker
FREE Fall Protection Training Statewide
 Austin | Dallas | El Paso | Houston | Laredo | Rio Grande Valley | Sherman | Tyler



Friday, April 28, 2023

Day of the Construction Worker
FREE Fall Protection Training English & Spanish

Following the U.S. Department of Labor National Safety Stand-Down 2023 and OSHA Workers Memorial Day

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AGENDA

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
Registration

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Training

10:00 AM
Program
Certificate Ceremony
Construction Worker of the Year Award

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

Construction Worker of the Year Award

Winner will be announced and receive a \$500 prize

Registration

FREE Training English / Spanish

Fall Protection Training provided by the Susan Harwood Training Grant

Texas is the #1 state for worker fatalities
Join forces with the RHCA to save lives!

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RHCA Day of the Construction Worker Event



EL DIA! de la Familia Celebración

Food | Giveaways | Exhibitors | Entertainment | Prizes
 Families will enter the grand prize drawing of a refrigerator

FREE Event for the whole family!

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Dallas College Mountain View Campus Building "S"
 4849 W. Illinois Ave., Dallas, Texas 75211

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Event Registration

Accepting Nominations! Construction Worker of the Year

Nominate your worker today!



Whether it's a family member, friend or co-worker from the construction industry.

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Voting Process: Voting will be part of a RHCA social media campaign, where family, friends, and acquaintances can vote for Construction Worker of the Year.

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[://regionalhca.org/day-of-the-construction-worker-2023https/](https://regionalhca.org/day-of-the-construction-worker-2023https/)

GOLF



REGIONAL HISPANIC CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

19th Annual Golf Classic

May 22, 2023

Indian Creek Golf Club
1650 W. Frankford Rd.
Carrollton, Texas 75007

7:00 AM Check-In

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

12:00 PM Awards Luncheon

Tournament Registration
Click Here



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LUNA AWARDS

2023 ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio

Statewide Luna Awards



Corpus Christi

Luna Awards Luncheon
Thursday, September 7, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
American Bank Center
Henry Garrett Ballroom C
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, TX 78401



Houston

Luna Awards Luncheon
Friday, September 8, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
The Junior League of Houston
The Tea Room
1811 Briar Oaks, Houston, TX 77027



San Antonio

Luna Awards Luncheon
Thursday, October 5, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Marriott Rivercenter
Pearl 1-3
101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, TX 78205-3901



Austin, Texas

Luna Awards Luncheon
Friday, October 6, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Austin Marriott South
Lone Star Ballroom A
4415 S I-35 Frontage Rd., Austin, TX 78744



El Paso

Luna Awards Luncheon
Friday, October 27, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
The Plaza Hotel Pioneer Park
Trost Ballroom & Mezanine
106 W Mills Ave, El Paso, TX 79901



Dallas/Fort Worth

Luna Awards Luncheon
Thursday, November 9, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sheraton Dallas Hotel
Dallas Ballroom
400 N Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75201



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SAVE THE DATE

BUILD FORT WORTH EXPO

Opportunities Await at **BUILD F W** 2023

August 18, 2023

Will Rogers Memorial Center - Fort Worth, TX



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RHCA | Subcommittee

Help with inviting monthly guest speakers

Example:

The invitation details are listed below:

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time Duration: 10 to 15 minutes (if you need more please let me know)

Time Range: Any 15 minutes between 8:45am to 10:00am CST

Via online Video: Zoom Video Conference

Committee: RHCA Economic and Business Development Committee: Audience – Contractors/Professional Services/Public Agency Employees

Topic: Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) Program overview & Benefits for contractors

Presentation: PowerPoint Due by Monday, November 8 – To Jonathon Garcia

Other Items Needed: (1) Headshot in JPEG (2) Title

Link to recommend guest speakers: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=m9gkZ9IDKEWQMA6zN7Gyu1-t7tkG5ypLvhszQy7hgMRUNUdGT0UwVIVLTDVRSFNDUjZGU09VVFVPC4u>

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