



Community Church

## RHCA Greater Houston Office & Training Center



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Harrisburg Blvd

## The RHCA Lands in **Houston**

*The RHCA proudly inaugurated its latest training center to serve the vibrant community of Houston*

Mere days after its unveiling, we successfully conducted our inaugural class, offering Fall Protection Training sessions in both Spanish and English to ensure inclusivity and accessibility. This expansion marks a significant milestone in our commitment to serving the needs of contractors not only in North Texas but also in the dynamic Houston region.

Building upon our existing offerings such as Fall Protection Training, OSHA 10, OSHA 30, and specialized Business Development classes, tailored to empower contractors in the area, the RHCA continues to strive for excellence in industry education.

Adding to our dedicated team, we warmly welcome Ariel Uribe, who will spearhead operations at our Houston office. Please join us in extending a warm greeting to Ariel as she embarks on this exciting journey with us!



***The SBC's goal is to connect M/WBEs with contract opportunities in the City of Dallas and provide Loan and Grant opportunities.***



## **Small Business Center**

**What is the name of the company, and what is its specialization?**

Established in December 2021, the **City of Dallas Small Business Center** brings together the City's business diversity, workforce development, and entrepreneurship programs to provide support-related activities to champion the growth and development needs of small business, and workforce readiness and re-entry services for residents, the SBC is impacting the Dallas economy.

**How long have you been an RHCA member, and what is the philosophy behind the City of Dallas SBC?**

The City has been a member since 2007. The SBC's goal is to connect M/WBEs with contract opportunities in the City of Dallas and provide Loan and Grant opportunities in the City of Dallas.

The SBC has Workforce Initiatives that are a unified set of solutions to meet employment needs, by embracing a variety of cultures, attitudes, and individual potential. Creating connections among the City of Dallas is a key component in providing effective, efficient, and quality workforce development solutions.

**What advice can you offer to small businesses in the City of Dallas?**

Please register a vendor on the City of Dallas Procurement Portal Bonfire, <https://dallascityhall.bonfirehub.com/> to receive procurement notifications and respond to solicitations.

**In your opinion, what are the benefits of an RHCA membership?**

The relationships made at the RHCA is the best benefit. The opportunities to network and meet other industry partners in Architect, Engineering and Construction. The marketing reach of the RHCA connects Primes and Subcontractors with public agencies like the City of Dallas.

**[City of Dallas SBC Microgrant Program Click Here - Apply Here](#)**



**Jesse Saldana**  
Program Administrator,  
SBC Business Inclusion.

Jesse began his M/WBE career in 2008 with Regional Hispanic Contractors Association in his Procurement Development role. In this role, he has been involved in outreach with nearly 100 local, state, and national organizations for the advocacy of M/WBE opportunities. Jesse was nominated in 2015 as the Luna Business Advocate at the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association's Luna Awards and RHCA Women's Business Conference.





# **Annual Membership Luncheon & RHCA Board Elections**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST

## **"In-person" Membership Meeting | "Online Voting" Board Elections**

Please click the link below to attend the meeting in person.

## **RHCA Board Slate of Officers**

Recommend by the 2024–2026 Board Nominations Committee.



### **Vice Chair**

Marissa Sanchez



### **Treasurer**

Clint Binkley



### **Secretary**

Marvin Jackson

**[Annual Membership Meeting Registration](#)**

## **Open Board Positions**

### **Board Directors**

- Ten Board Director Positions.
- Board Director Nominees must be members in good standing.

"Financial Commitment of Directors: Each Director is required to raise a minimum of five thousand (5,000) dollars per year, for a total of ten thousand (10,000) dollars during their two-year term. This can be achieved through membership dues, partnership dues, membership recruitment, sponsorships, fundraising, personal contributions, and/or financial referrals."



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## **Construction Industry Nominees**

Ruben Arias  
Brian Johnson  
Veronica Munoz

Stephen Ross  
Adrian Cano  
Ketan Jain

Vladimir Naranjo  
Marissa Sanchez  
Shaun Duron

Luis Moreno  
Manny Rodriguez  
Maricarmen Tamez

### **Architectural/Engineering Industries Nominees**

Gloria Boyd  
Vladimir Naranjo

Louis Frisbie  
Bobby Rodriguez

Eric Garcia  
Ken Sapien

### **Architectural/Engineering Industries Nominees**

Joshua Alballero

Zorin Luttrull

#### **Construction Industry**

The Board will have a make-up of six (6) Directors from the construction industry.

#### **Architectural/Engineering Industries**

The Board will have a make-up of three (3) Directors from the architectural and engineering industries.

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**March 2024**

## **RHCA Houston Training Center**

*Now, accessing top-notch services and training right in your neighborhood is easier than ever.*

Visit us at our new location: 7047 Harrisburg Blvd., 2nd Fl., Houston, TX 77011.



Left: RHCA Past-Chair Bianca Sandoval with Vice President of Operations Yolanda Tafoya and Ariel Uribe at the Greater Houston Business Opportunities Forum; Right: second day of Training at the Houston Training Center.

## **We are thrilled to announce the new RHCA Houston Corporate Partner: Mustang-CAT.**

*Founded in 1952, Mustang Cat has been the southeast Texas authorized sales, parts and service dealer*

The RHCA is thrilled about the endless opportunities that lie ahead with this collaboration. Stay tuned for the fantastic ventures we'll embark on together! [Learn more about Mustang-CAT here.](#)





The RHCA diligently serves its members across diverse locations, both within and beyond Texas. Get acquainted with our dedicated team and their respective bases!

### **RHCA Dallas Headquarters**

*Under Construction*

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### **RHCA DFW Women's Center**

*Temporary Main Office*

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### **RHCA Greater Houston Training Center**

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**Miguel Alcantara**

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## MARCH

THURS  
**28** Annual Membership Luncheon & Board Election

## APRIL

THURS  
**04** RHCA Houston Office Reception

## MAY

MON  
**20** Golf Classic

THURS  
**25** Board of Directors Ceremony

SAT  
**26** Construction Worker Day (El Día)

## AUGUST

FRI  
**16** BuildFW

## NOVEMBER

FRI  
**01** Luna DFW

FRI  
**08** Clay Shoot

## DECEMBER

THURS  
**05** Holiday Celebration

THURS  
**06** Heavy Highway Forum DFW



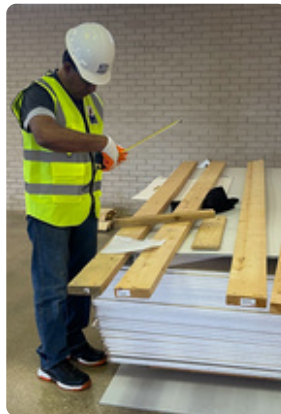
## Get all the Construction knowledge you need to get a job

*Completely Free! The Workforce Training Program initiated its 4th and 5th Cohorts. More on the way*



The RHCA Workforce Training Program presents an invaluable opportunity for individuals seeking fundamental knowledge to **embark on a career in the construction industry.**

**This free program**, available in both Spanish and English, equips participants with essential skills and insights necessary for employment in the field. Anticipating the program's success, additional cohorts are **scheduled to open in the coming months.**



**More Information**

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## Prioritize Safety

**Free Fall Protection Training for Your Team (Eng/Esp) now also available in Houston!**

You can invest in your team's safety by registering for the RHCA Fall Protection Training provided by the Susan Harwood Training Grant.

### Houston

**Coming soon**

Follow our social media to be updated

### Dallas

**March 8, 2024**

Dallas College West Campus  
3330 N. Hampton Road,  
Dallas, TX, 75212

**English:** 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration: 7:30 am

[Registration click here](#)

**Spanish:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Registration: 12:30 pm

[Registration click here](#)

### Fort Worth

**March 22, 2024**

Business Assistance Center  
(BAC) 1150 South Freeway,  
Fort Worth, TX 76104

**English:** 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration: 7:30 am

[Registration click here](#)

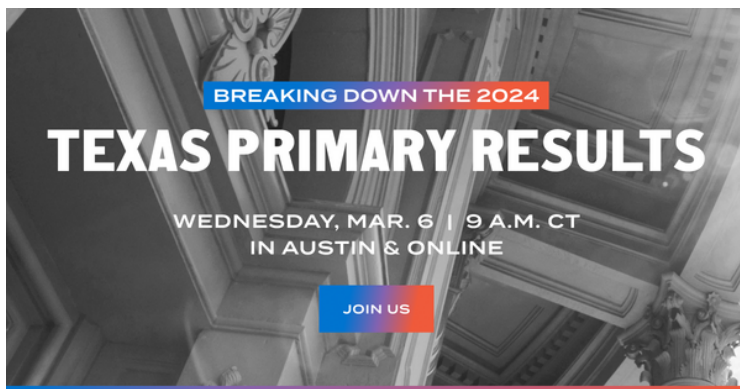
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## Legislative Update



*Join The Texas Tribune at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 6, in downtown Austin or online for a deep dive into the results of the March 5 Texas primary elections.*

The Texas Tribune panel of experts will take you through the results of the presidential and U.S. Senate races, as well as the battles for the Texas Legislature and which races are going to runoffs. Over coffee, we'll talk about the trends we saw and what the results mean for Texans heading into the general election.

Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. CT  
In-Person Austin & Online

[\*\*RSVP Here\*\*](#)

Matthew Watkins, the Tribune's managing editor for news and politics, will moderate a conversation featuring:

- Matthew Choi, Texas Tribune Washington correspondent
- Zach Despart, Texas Tribune politics reporter
- Renzo Downey, lead writer of The Blast, the Tribune's premium politics newsletter

## **Strong U.S. labor market drives record remittances to Mexico with \$55.9 billion in 2022**

*Strong employment in the **U.S. construction sector**—a leading employer of Mexican migrants—best explains the recent growth of remittances to Mexico.*

Via Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas - Mexico is the second-highest receiver of remittances in the world, trailing only India. The payments, mostly from migrants in the U.S., provide a valuable lifeline for millions of Mexican households. They are used mainly for necessities—food, clothing and health care—while they also make up an important part of household expenditures for housing, tuition and debt repayment.



Remittances from the U.S. to Mexico reached a record \$55.9 billion in 2022. These transfers accounted for 95 percent of Mexico's total remittances of \$58.5 billion. [Read more.](#)

### **Community News**

## **City of Dallas Small Business Center launches inaugural Microgrant Program**

*Dallas – The City of Dallas Small Business Center proudly announces the launch of its inaugural Microgrant Program, a cutting-edge initiative designed to fuel the growth of small businesses and drive local development.*

This innovative microgrant program is set to provide a lifeline for small enterprises facing economic challenges, offering a unique opportunity to access financial support that can make a substantial impact on their operations. Applications for the Microgrant Program will open on March 5 and be available here:

**Small Business Microgrants Program – Source Dallas.**



Key Features of the City of Dallas Small Business Center's Microgrant Program:

- **Financial Boost:** Granting direct financial assistance to eligible small businesses, fostering stability and growth.
- **Inclusivity:** A commitment to inclusivity by considering applications from a diverse range of sectors and backgrounds.
- **Digital Innovation:** Embracing technology, the application process is streamlined and accessible through our user-friendly online platform.





City of Dallas

RHCA Economic & Business Development Committee Meeting

## DALLAS LOVE FIELD

UPCOMING A/E/C OPPORTUNITIES



**Speaker**  
**Patrick Carreno**  
Director of Aviation,  
City of Dallas

**Virtual Event**  
Tuesday, March 19  
8:30 - 10:00 AM CT

[Registration Here](#)

[Register Here](#)



## Spring Mixer

Thursday, March 28  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Archer Western**  
1411 Greenway Dr., Irving, Texas 75038  
Annex Conference Room

Scan QR Code or Click Here to Register by Thursday, March 21.  
For more information, contact  
Diana Elkins - (713) 488-8161 - R5VP@bgeinc.com

Hosted by





[Register Here](#)



## Small Business Networking Reception

Hosted by Connecting Austin Partners - a WSP and PGH Wong team

Thursday, March 7 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM

AT&T Conference Center, 1900 University Ave, Austin, TX 78705



[Register Here](#)

## We Want To Hear From You

*You guide us*

*Sessions on:*

- March 6, 2024
- or
- March 7, 2024



### Do you use public transportation?

If not, DART is curious to know your reasons. If you're open to sharing your thoughts on public transportation, we'd like to hear from you. We're currently seeking Hispanic/Latino individuals 18+ within the DFW area to learn more about this topic.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES EVENT




*Sign Up Today!*

**TEXAS A&M SCHOOL OF LAW**

Come learn about the latest project information. Release dates, bid packages scopes, and more will be shared (+ other upcoming projects).

**MARCH 11, 2024 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

THE A&M LAW SCHOOL BUILDING | ROOM 2058  
1515 COMMERCE STREET, FORT WORTH, TX

**Turner CARCON SOURCE**

[Register Here](#)



WIC Week 2024  
Dallas Event Schedule

**March 3 to 9, 2024**

[See Schedule](#)

NAWIC Dallas & Partners Present

## Thirsty Thursday

A WIC WEEK CONSTRUCTION NETWORKING EVENT

*Our Partners*





ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**

[Register Here](#)

## SKANSKA


### Connect4 Outreach and Information Session



**UNT Science and Technology Building Project**  
Join us!

**Date:** Friday, March 8, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** UNT Student Union  
1155 Union Circle, Room 314B  
Denton, TX 76201

[Click here to register](#)

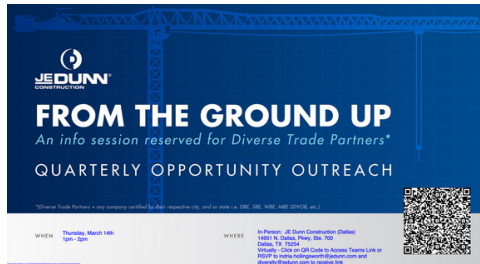


**Scopes Needed**

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[Register Here](#)



[Meeting Link](#)



[Register Here](#)



LEARN ABOUT HEAVY HIGHWAY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DFW METROPLEX.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**  
**10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM CDT**

PARTICIPATING PRIMES

NTTA BOARDROOM  
5900 W. PLANO PARKWAY, SUITE 200  
PLANO, TX 75093

- EJS
- JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP
- LJA ENGINEERING
- MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL

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## MONTHLY NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, JANUARY 2024

Privately-owned housing units authorized by building permits in January were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,470,000.

This is 1.5 percent below the revised December rate of 1,493,000, but is 8.6 percent above the January 2023 rate of 1,354,000. [Learn more.](#)

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION JANUARY 2024	
Building Permits:	1,470,000
Housing Starts:	1,331,000
Housing Completions:	1,416,000
Next Release: March 19, 2024	
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR)	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, February 16, 2024	



## Making the Next 50 Years, the Best 50 Years!

The countdown has begun and registration for DFW's Business Opportunity Forum is now open!

This is your opportunity to attend an infrastructure and development centered event on March 27th.

Attendees will gain insight into DFW Airport's operations, upcoming opportunities, and in-person networking with airport executives, architecture, engineering and construction firms, suppliers, partners, and advocacy groups. You will also learn more about capital programs, controls & analytics, sustainability, business diversity & development, procurement and how to position your company for success.

The event is taking place in person at AMC Theaters Grapevine Mills. An online option will be available at the [DFW Business Opportunity](#) website.

We look forward to seeing you there. Click the link below to register today. If you have any trouble with registration, please feel free to [contact us](#).

[Learn More and Register](#)



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