



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Charleston County Council Recognizes 26 Small/Disadvantaged Business Owners Who Completed Nine-Week Course**

During a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, [Charleston County Council](#) hosted a recognition ceremony for 26 local business owners who completed the Turner School of Construction Management. Each recipient has previously received certificates from Charleston County, [State Sen. Robert Ford](#), and [State Rep. Wendell G. Gilliard](#).

The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize the local Small Business Enterprises (SBE's) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) for completing the nine-week Turner School of Construction Management class. Turner Construction provided the class free of charge to small businesses so they could learn how to develop a business plan, estimate and bid larger jobs, obtain bonding, enforce safety principles and establish and manage credit.

"I commend everyone who completed this course for their dedication to learning and taking the necessary steps to advance their companies," said [Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.](#) "Council is grateful that Turner School of Construction Management provides a course that promotes the use of good business planning for small businesses as well as minority or women-owned disadvantage businesses."

Charleston County Government supports local businesses through its [Small Business Enterprise Program in the Procurement Department](#) and its [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in the Transportation Sales Tax Program](#).

#### **The 26 graduates and their companies are:**

- Fred Anthony of The Broadband Companies, Downtown Charleston
- Giselle Baham of LowCountry Glass Block and Green Products, North Charleston
- Beverly Birch of Birch's Heating and Air, West Ashley
- Eric Byrd of Paragon, Orangeburg
- Ken Canty of Freeland Construction Co. Inc., West Ashley
- Randy Christie of Christie Brothers HVAC, Summerville
- George Dawson of George Dawson and Associates, James Island
- Evelyn DeLaine-Hart of Cg3 Associates, LLC, West Ashley
- Keena Edwards of Ed Rush Development Firm, North Charleston

- Stephon Edwards, II of Paragon, Orangeburg
- Willie Frazier, Jr. of W. Frazier Construction, Ravenel
- Bill Goodwin of The Goodwin Group, North Charleston
- Vanessa Goodwin of The Goodwin Group, North Charleston
- Sonia Hanchard of SURCH, Charleston
- Adrienne Holt of C.E. McKenzie and Associates, LLC, Mount Pleasant
- Oswaldo Hurtado of Ozzy Construction, LLC, West Ashley
- Jennings Jackson, Jr. of Highland Homes Construction, North Charleston
- Joey Jefferson of Palmetto Civil Group, North Charleston
- Hiawatha Johnson of Neat and Clean, Huger
- Donald McCutcheon of Black Contractors Association, Downtown Charleston
- Margaret Rush of JGM Associates, LLP, North Charleston
- Julian Seraphin of LowCountry Glass Block and Green Products, North Charleston
- Richard Souffrant of Minority United Trading and Consulting, North Charleston
- Monique Stinson of Stinson Consulting, North Charleston
- Calvin Whitfield of CCCS International, Summerville
- Adrian Williams of Atlantic South Consulting Services, West Ashley

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