



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager *Patrick Urich*
DATE: March 15, 2013
SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

MARRIOTT HOTEL PROJECTS: Attached is the February 2013 Progress Report.

REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE WEBSITE: RNNC 2013 is 'Playing in Peoria!' To keep the public and anyone interested in participating in the RNNC informed, a web page, www.rnncpeoria2013.com, was created. This site will serve as a 'one stop' location for all RNNC related information, including general information, registration, presentation requests, etc.

In addition, the City of Peoria is currently accepting requests for conference presenters and nominations for the Stella Stewart Award. If you are interested in presenting or would like to nominate someone for the Stella Stewart award please complete the online form at www.rnncpeoria2013.com.

Please encourage all neighborhood leaders to attend this event. We are looking forward to a great turnout at RNNC 2013, September 19-21. For more information please contact Shannon Techie at 494-8649 or stechie@peoriagov.org.

GOVERNMENT PURCHASING DIVERSITY SEMINAR: On March 13, 2013, at the Gateway Building, the City of Peoria, in collaboration with the Peoria Park District, County of Peoria, Peoria Housing Authority and City Link, hosted the sixth annual Government Purchasing Diversity Seminar. Thirty companies from around the State of Illinois attended this seminar.

The goal of this networking opportunity was to encourage contracting with minority and women owned businesses. Attendees met with government purchasing agents to learn about the procurement process and to discuss current and future bid opportunities.

The event featured speakers from the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office and the State of Illinois Department of Insurance. The Controller's Office provided information on the POWER (Providing Opportunities for Work through Education and Resources) Program, and the Department of Insurance spoke about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on small businesses.

Since the event, a number of minority and women owned business have contacted the purchasing department to follow up on the seminar and to go into greater detail about the products or services they offer.