



**CITY OF GREENSBORO  
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***Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises Hosts Public Hearing***

GREENSBORO, NC (October 18, 2011) – The City of Greensboro hosts a disparity study public hearing at 6 pm on November 2 at the Simpkins Sports Complex at Barber Park.

The hearing will focus on the experience of Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) and non-M/WBE business owners while doing business with the City and its contractors/service providers. The City wants to hear from business owners if they have faced any difficulties in the bidding process; been treated unfairly based on race, ethnicity, or gender; received contractor bids or price quotes from M/WBE firms; believe there is not a level playing field for businesses regarding access to capital, bonding, and insurance.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing but want to give input, please submit comments in writing no later than November 18 to Vernetta Mitchell with MGT of America Inc., via:

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For more information about this public hearing, please contact Kathleen Hoskins-Smith, M/WBE manager, at 336-373-2674 or at [kathleen.smith@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:kathleen.smith@greensboro-nc.gov).

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