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## Charleston County Offers a Free Small Business Bonding Workshop for Small Business Owners

Register in advance for the Feb. 23 free workshop at: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/procurement/workshops.php>

Charleston County Government's [Contracts and Procurement Department](#) announces a free workshop for small business owners. The workshop will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, in the County's Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston, SC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in Room B339.

The workshop "Bonding Education for Small Businesses" will feature Mr. Matthew Clarke, Director of Contractor Surety Group, LLC. Mr. Clarke will cover bonding and worker's compensation for small business owners.

Those attending the workshop will have the opportunity to learn about:

- The basics of bonding and its importance to small businesses
- Requirements to becoming bonded
- Methods to maintain and increase bonding capacity
- Worker's compensation

"This workshop will educate construction contractors and small business owners about industry challenges and assist participants in their efforts to obtain surety bonds or increase their bonding capacity," said Contracts and Procurement Department Director, Barrett Tolbert.

This workshop is sponsored by Charleston County's [Disadvantage Business Enterprise](#) and [Small Business Enterprise](#) programs.

Space is limited, so those interested in attending the free workshop are encouraged to register in advance online at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/procurement/workshops.php> or by email Aliya Ross at [aross@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:aross@charlestoncounty.org)

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