



Rice Management Company To Host Inaugural Industry Day To Catalyze Job Growth In Houston

Local Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises are invited to learn about project opportunities and bid their services to The Ion

HOUSTON – NOVEMBER 23 – On Tuesday, December 1st, [Rice Management Company](#) (RMC), the developer of [The Ion](#) and the surrounding district, will virtually host its inaugural Industry Day to involve more Houstonians in The Ion and support Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).

Houston's business leaders are invited to learn about future plans around the district and network with [Transwestern](#), who has been tapped by RMC to run operations for the entirety of The Ion. Together RMC, The Ion and Transwestern are working to grow the building into a fully realized and vibrant innovation hub open for the entire community. A key component of this is to extend opportunities for minority subcontractors to take part in all parts of The Ion.

"Industry Days are a helpful strategy to bring awareness of subcontracting opportunities that are available to minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE)" said Sam Dike Manager of Strategic Initiatives at RMC. "Our session is designed to facilitate a targeted networking session and connect interested MWBE firms with project opportunities within their range of expertise. It's our ultimate goal to expand the available opportunities to local businesses across a variety of industries, and in turn, strengthen our communities through economic opportunities and business development."

How To Get Involved:

The inaugural Industry Day on December 1 will be held at 6:00 p.m. CT. A brief agenda is below. Its key goal is to provide information to interested MWBE firms on upcoming bid opportunities available in the next 1 – 24 months. The types of opportunities are also below. A complete list of bid opportunities is included in Industry Day registration, found at: <https://www.houinnovate.com/opportunities/>.

Industry Day Agenda:

- Opportunities timeline describing when specific bid opportunities will be released
- Discussion of work categories
- Explanation of project requirements and introduction of evaluation/sample selection rubric
- Q&A
- Invitation to register for in-person walkthroughs, which will take place December 9 and 10 for further information on bid opportunities

Opportunities For Bid (value range: \$1,000 - \$500,000):

Administration: Answering Service; Dry Cleaning; Copier Rental; Postage Machine Rental; Courier Services

Amenities: Courier; Food Trucks; Towel Service

Operations: Metal Maintenance; Pressure Washing; Stone Maintenance; Sweeping; Wood Maintenance; Storm Water Quality Management; Elevator Consultant; First Aid Cabinet Inspections; Window Cleaning; Holiday Decor; Grease Trap Cleaning; Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning; Lightning Protection; Exterior Landscaping; Janitorial Services; Security Services; Pest Control Services; Riser Management; Environmental Consultant; Florist; Signage; Striping; Remediation Services; Electrical; Gate Repairs; HVAC; Insulation Repairs; Painting; Paving Repairs; Plumbing; Waterproofing

Marketing: Promo Items; Event Planning; Stationary; Digital Signage Player; Content Management System

Procurement: Coffee Supplier; Industrial Supplier; Office Supplier



RMC's Long-term Commitment To The Business Community:

Looking to 2021, RMC will host additional industry days, each specifically constructed to provide bid-specific information to interested Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. For more updates, please visit <https://ionhouston.com/events-and-programs/>, or sign-up for our mailing list here: <https://ionhouston.com/contact/>.

About The Ion: The Ion will anchor a 16-acre innovation district and is destined to become the epicenter for Houston's innovation ecosystem as an inclusive, dynamic, vibrant and dense hub focusing on quality collaborations between entrepreneurs, incubators, accelerators, corporations, academics, and the Houston community when it opens in 2021. The 288,000 square-foot building will accommodate multiple uses, including shared workspace, prototyping and maker resources, event space, classrooms, food and beverage offerings as well as indoor/outdoor communal areas with shared amenities. For more information, please visit <https://ionhouston.com/>.

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