

# Ethnically Diverse Business Coalition

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Community & Economic Development Committee  
Milwaukee Common Council  
200 West Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Gentlemen:

The EDBC supports innovative ideas and services that improve the business climate for and success of ethnically diverse entrepreneurs and residents in southeastern Wisconsin. The EDBC is a coalition of six chambers of commerce, four business associations and three economic development organizations located in southeastern Wisconsin. Our mission is to improve the business environment in Wisconsin to build stronger ethnically diverse businesses to compete in a global economy. Our vision is to elevate Wisconsin to a top 10 state for ethnically diverse businesses through advocacy and capacity building.

The members of the Ethnically Diverse Business Coalition (EDBC) respectfully request that the City of Milwaukee establish a Stakeholder Advisory Council to advise the members of the Common Council as they make a decision regarding the minority business participation goals. We recommend that the following organizations be appointed to the Stakeholder Advisory Council:

1. African American Chamber of Commerce
2. American Indian Chamber of Commerce
3. Community Economic Development Corporation
4. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
5. Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
6. Latino Entrepreneurial Network
7. Milwaukee Urban League
8. Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope
9. National Association of Minority Contractors – Wisconsin Chapter
10. Pan-African Community Association
11. The Business Council, Inc.
12. Wisconsin Black Chamber of Commerce
13. Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Carla Y. Cross  
Chairperson