Did you know…?

April is Celebrate Diversity Month, started in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating differences and similarities during this month, organizers hope that people will get a deeper understanding of each other.

This month, I encourage you to commit to at least one activity to recognize and celebrate diversity! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Visit a museum exhibition dedicated to another culture
- Learn about another religion
- Support diverse businesses in your community
- Host a multicultural movie night with friends or family
- Listen to music from around the world
- Explore local ethnic restaurants and try food from a culture you’ve never tasted before
- Engage in a learning opportunity focused on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) topics

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PAST OUTREACH EVENT

March 3, 2022 Virtual Diversity Business Expo

The March 3rd virtual diversity business expo was well attended. It offered vendors from all across the state time to get in front of purchasing representatives from TBR, UT Knoxville, PTAC, City of Knoxville, Metro Knoxville Airport, ETPA, etc.

Also at the EXPO, aspiring product/service vendors will be treated to presentations that reveal not only the kinds of products and services each department routinely buys, but also what the departments had bought and even a glimpse of what it plans to buy. Immediately following the presentations, Buyers and Purchasing Departments were
**UPCOMING BIDS**

**POSTED**

RFQ-TBR **22-0057** Bookstore Services (TCAT Shelbyville) 04/25/2022

RFQ-TBR **22-0065** Hampden Residential Electrical & Plumbing Trainers (TCAT Dickson) 04/19/2022

RFQ- TBR **22-0064** We All Rise Conference (TBR) 04/22/2022

RFQ-TBR **22-0067** HVAC Trainers (TCAT Dickson) 04/25/2022

**COMING SOON**

April 12, 6:30pm CDT
*Am I Ready to Start a Business?*
SBA Participating
Instructor: Lee Spieker
Register Here

April 13, 2022, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Eastern Time
*How to Do Business with the Government, Part 2 (ONLINE WORKSHOP)*
Hosted by Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
Click [here](#) to register.

Watch for this event in June!
Date will be announced soon. Time is 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM Eastern Time
*13th Annual City of Knoxville Business Opportunities Breakfast (IN-PERSON EVENT)*
The Jacobs Building at Chilhowee Park, Knoxville
Hosted by the City of Knoxville

Save the Date: July 13, 2022, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Central Time
*West TN Procurement Opportunities Conference (VIRTUAL EVENT)*
Hosted by Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)

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