

2020 Calendar of Events

**Events in black feature awards presentations or topics on professional/personal development*

**Events in green are open networking opportunities*

**Events in red feature procurement-related programming*

January

- **Monday, January 27 from 3:00 – 5:00pm – Trade Talk – Austin: Construction (JE Dunn)**

February

- **Tuesday, February 4 from 6:00 – 10:30pm – Parade of Stars Awards Gala (Omni Dallas)**
- **Tuesday, February 11 from 11:00am - 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Thursday, February 27 from 3:30 – 5:30pm – Fort Worth Neighborhood Mixer (venue TBD)**

March

- **Thursday, March 5 from 9:30 – 11:30am - Trade Talk: Healthcare (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Tuesday, March 10 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **March 16-18 - WBENC Summit & Salute (Nashville)**

April

- **Tuesday, April 7 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Tuesday, April 14 from 9:00am – 4:00pm - Connections to Contracts (Irving Convention Center)**

May

- **Tuesday, May 12 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Tuesday, May 19 from 3:30 – 5:30pm - Dallas Neighborhood Mixer (venue TBD)**
- **Thursday, May 21 from 4:30 – 7:00pm – Austin Insights (venue TBD)**

June

- **Thursday, June 4 from 9:30 – 11:30am - Trade Talk: Public Entities (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Tuesday, June 9 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**
- **Thursday, June 11, time TBD – Women of Color Business Mixer (Briscoe Carpenter Building at the State Fair of Texas)**
- **June 23-25 - WBENC National Conference (Atlanta)**

July

- **Tuesday, July 14 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)**



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August

- Tuesday, August 11 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)
- Thursday, August 20 from 3:30 – 5:30pm – Fort Worth Neighborhood Mixer (venue TBD)

September

- Thursday, September 3 from 11:00am – 4:00pm - Harvesting Partnerships (Westin Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas)
- Tuesday, September 15 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)
- Thursday, September 24 from 8:00am – 12:00pm – Connections to Contracts - Austin (venue TBD)

October

- Thursday, October 8 from 9:30 – 11:30am - Trade Talk: Finance (WBCS Office, Irving)
- Tuesday, October 13 from 11:00am – 1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)
- Thursday, October 22 from 3:30 – 5:30pm – Dallas Neighborhood Mixer (venue TBD)
- TBD – Trade Talk – Austin: Technology (venue TBD)

November

- Tuesday, November 10 from 11:00am -1:00pm - Table Topics (WBCS Office, Irving)
- Thursday, November 12 from 3:00 – 5:00pm - Office Open House (WBCS Office, Irving)

December

- Thursday, December 3 from 9:30 – 11:30am - Trade Talk: Construction (WBCS Office, Irving)

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Dallas - Fort Worth Event Descriptions

Parade of Stars Awards Gala (February 4, 2020)

The Parade of Stars Awards Gala is an illuminating semiformal evening event honoring Women's Business Enterprises and Sustaining (Corporate) Members who go above and beyond to ensure the successes of women-owned businesses. The event features a cocktail reception, seated dinner, awards ceremony and after party.

Connections to Contracts (April 14, 2020)

Connections to Contracts is a procurement-focused event that features a grab-and-go breakfast, corporate roundtable procurement discussions, a c-suite executive keynote luncheon, "prime time" sessions led by Sustaining (Corporate) Members and their Tier 1 suppliers, and a closing networking reception.

Harvesting Partnerships (September 3, 2020)

Harvesting Partnerships is a half-day conference focused on top-tier educational programming. The event begins with a keynote luncheon and the Lillie Knox Investment Award presentation. The afternoon is dedicated to Women's Business Enterprise led roundtable discussions on business themes such as marketing, legal, human resources and more! The event concludes with a networking reception.

Office Open House (November 12, 2020)

Open networking and a WBCS Year-in-Review presentation at the WBCS headquarters office in Irving

Table Topics Luncheons (Monthly)

Table Topics Luncheon is a monthly series featuring a networking lunch and a keynote speaker focused on communication, business development, or personal development. There are 10 luncheons in 2020, held February through November.

Trade Talk (Quarterly)

Trade Talk is a quarterly industry-focused event featuring open networking and Sustaining (Corporate) Member remarks on industry trends and their supplier diversity initiatives. Held in March, June, October and December, the industries featured are healthcare, public entities, finance, and construction respectively. These events are exclusively reserved for WBE members and the event's corporate sponsors.

Happy Hour (Quarterly)

Open networking at various locations throughout the metroplex



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Austin Event Descriptions

Trade Talk - Austin (January and October, 2020)

Trade Talk – Austin is a biannual industry-focused event featuring open networking and Sustaining (Corporate) Member remarks on industry trends and their supplier diversity initiatives. Held in January and October, the industries featured are construction and technology respectively.

Austin Insights (May 21, 2020)

Austin Insights is a premier evening event featuring an executive keynote presentation and networking reception. Women business owners, procurement professionals, government officials, and community partners convene at this event to create valuable connections and discover upcoming business opportunities.

Connections to Contracts - Austin (September 24, 2020)

Expanding the features of the previously held Winning the Bid event, Connections to Contracts – Austin begins with a networking breakfast, followed by Sustaining (Corporate) Member hosted roundtable discussions, and concludes with a business development workshop.