January

* Thursday, January 5 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, January 10 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Friday, January 20 from 6:00 – 10:30pm– Parade of Stars Awards Gala (Sheraton Dallas Hotel)
* Wednesday, January 25 from 9:00 – 10:00am - Coffee with the President (WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX)
* Tuesday, January 31 from 11:00am – 12:00pm – Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)

February

* Wednesday, February 1 from 3:00 – 4:00pm – Regional Business Mixer (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, February 2 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, February 9 from 9:00 – 10:00am – Corporate Breakfast Club (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, February 14 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)

March

* Thursday, March 2 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, March 14 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, March 28 from 11:00am – 12:00pm - Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)

April

* Tuesday, April 4 from 10:00am – 4:30pm – Connections to Contracts (Irving Convention Center – Irving, TX)
* Thursday, April 6 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, April 11 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Wednesday, April 19 from 4:00 – 6:00pm – Women of Color Business Mixer (WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX)
* Wednesday, April 26 from 9:00 – 10:00am - Coffee with the Council (location TBD)
* Thursday, April 27 from 9:00 – 10:00am – Corporate Breakfast Club (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)

May

* Thursday, May 4 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, May 9 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Wednesday, May 17 from 3:00 – 4:00pm – Regional Business Mixer (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Friday, May 19 – Technology Industry Summit (time and location TBD)
* Tuesday, May 23 from 11:00am – 12:00pm - Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, May 25 – Joint Community Venture - Austin (time and location TBD)

June

* Thursday, June 1 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, June 13 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, June 22 – Joint Community Venture – Dallas (time and location TBD)

July

* Thursday, July 6 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, July 11 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, July 25 from 11:00am – 12:00pm - Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Wednesday, July 26 from 9:00 – 10:00am - Coffee with the Council (location TBD)
* Thursday, July 27 from 9:00 – 10:00am – Corporate Breakfast Club (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)

August

* Wednesday, August 2 – Arkansas Partners Venture (time and location TBD)
* Thursday, August 3 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, August 8 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Wednesday, August 16 from 3:00 – 4:00pm – Regional Business Mixer (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, August 24 – Joint Community Venture - Austin (time and location TBD)

September

* Thursday, September 7 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, September 12 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, September 19 from 8:30 – 11:30am – Connections to Contracts – Austin (location TBD)
* Tuesday, September 26 from 11:00am – 12:00pm - Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, September 28 – Joint Community Venture - Dallas (time and location TBD)

October

* Thursday, October 5 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, October 10 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, October 12 from 9:00 – 10:00am – Corporate Breakfast Club (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Wednesday, October 18 from 4:00 – 6:00pm – Women of Color Business Mixer (location TBD)
* Wednesday, October 25 from 9:00 – 10:00am - Coffee with the Council (location TBD)

November

* Thursday, November 2 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Friday, November 10 from 8:30am – 1:30pm – Harvesting Partnerships (Hurst Conference Center – Hurst, TX)
* Tuesday, November 14 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, November 16 – Joint Community Venture - Austin (time and location TBD)
* Tuesday, November 28 from 11:00am – 12:00pm - Prospective WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)

December

* Wednesday, December 6 from 3:00 – 4:00pm – Regional Business Mixer (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Thursday, December 7 from 9:00 – 10:00am – New WBE Info Session (Virtual – Zoom Meeting)
* Tuesday, December 12 from 11:00am – 1:00pm – Table Topics Luncheon (Hybrid: WBCS Office Building – Irving, TX and Zoom Meeting)

**Event Descriptions**

Events are labeled if in-person or virtual. Either way, all are welcome to attend.

**Capacity Building Programs**The Capacity Building Pillar provides singular and on-going professional and business development events to support the growth of Women’s Business Enterprises in their business ecosystem.

*Parade of Stars Awards Gala* (January 2023; in-person)

Recognition offering. This formal evening event honors WBE and 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.

*Table Topics Luncheons* (Monthly; in-person and virtual)

Educational offering. This event features networking and a keynote speaker focused on communication, business development, or personal development. For those attending in-person, lunch is also included. There are 12 luncheons in 2023, typically on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Mentoring and Outreach Programs**The Mentoring and Outreach Pillar provides a comprehensive pipeline of support for prospective to established Women’s Business Enterprises.

*Harvesting Partnerships* (November 2023; in-person)

Half-day educational conference that highlights the skillsets of WBCS WBEs. This event features a keynote address, the Lillie Knox Investment Award presentation, WBE led roundtable discussions on business themes (i.e., marketing, legal, human resources, etc.), and a networking reception.

*Joint Community Venture Events*(3 per year in DFW, 4 per year in Austin, in-person)

Outreach initiative. Each event is co-hosted by WBCS and a community partner organization and features open networking and an educational moment about the benefits of involvement with each organization.

*Women of Color Certification Mentor Program* (Two, 3-month cohorts; in-person or virtual)

Outreach initiative. Each cohort participant is paired with a currently certified WBE with whom they meet once a month for three months to discuss questions about the certification process. Target audience is women of color business owners considering WBENC certification. Each cohort kicks off with a networking reception for all participants and closes with a business mixer open to the full WBCS network.

**Procurement Programs**The Procurement Pillar supports supplier diversity discussions and networking, to encourage contracts between WBCS Corporate and Women’s Business Enterprise Members.

*Coffee with the Council*(Quarterly; in-person)

Networking and recognition opportunity. This networking event is focused on bringing together current and prospective members, local businesses, and corporations to develop professional relationships over coffee and recognize members who have joined within the last quarter.

*Connections to Contracts* (April 2023; in-person)
Procurement-focused event connecting women-owned businesses with corporations and each other. This event features a welcome reception, corporate roundtable procurement discussions, a c-suite executive keynote address, industry tracks, and a networking reception.

*Connections to Contracts – Austin* (September 2023; in-person)

Procurement-focused event connecting women-owned businesses with corporations and each other. This event features a networking breakfast, corporate roundtable procurement discussions, and a business development workshop.

*Corporate Breakfast Clubs*(Quarterly; virtual)

Open networking opportunity. This event is an informal gathering for Corporate Members to candidly discuss supplier diversity related topics and gain insights to strengthen their supplier diversity programs.

*Regional Business Mixers* (Quarterly; virtual)
Open networking opportunity. This event has no formal programming. It is simply time for women-owned businesses and corporations across our four-state region to connect.