



FRIENDS OF BDI

BDI has been a community partner in providing enhanced education, agency and corporate collaboration and contracting opportunities to regional small businesses for over 20 years. Among the prominent events facilitated by BDI, Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week has celebrated the success and contributions of minority owned businesses for over two decades. BDI is managed on a volunteer basis and includes representatives from the federal, state, and local government agencies as well as large corporate partner companies, and local small businesses. The Business Diversity Institute (BDI) is a 501(c)(3) charity organization.

BDI's mission is to support the growth and success of regional minority-owned and woman-owned businesses through:

- Education and training
- Outreach, tools and resources
- Promoting collaboration of public/private organizations in these efforts

Role of Friends of BDI

There are many ways to support BDI's work. If you are a person who wants to contribute, but cannot make the full commitment of joining the Board of Directors, Friends of BDI may be right for you. Friends of BDI are individuals who provide support by serving on planning committees, volunteering at events, or simply answering the call for help when a Board-sponsored project comes up.

Expectations

Friends of BDI are expected to provide a minimum level of 10 hours of volunteer support throughout the year to maintain the official benefits.

Benefits

As a Friend of BDI, you will receive free admission to up to 2 BDI events (excluding the MED Week Luncheon). Admission benefits are non-transferable and are granted to the individual who has met volunteer requirements for the year. Benefits can be used within a year. Friends of BDI also have their name listed on the BDI website and are invited to attend general board meetings as a non-voting participant.

Application

If you're interested in supporting BDI, please submit an application to vicechair@bdiweb.org and check the box for Friends of BDI.



Application

Date ____/____/20__

Please indicate participation interest:

New Member

Renewal

Board of Directors [voting]

Friends of BDI [non-voting]

(One voting member per business/organization)

Primary Contact Name

Preferred Email

Firm Name / Type of Business or Organization

Job Title

Certified Firm? Yes No

Firm Address / Work Phone

Why are you interested in a BDI Membership?

Background: Education, Training, Certificates, Awards, Boards

How do you feel BDI would benefit from your involvement?

Skills, experience and interests (please indicate all that apply)

- Diversity programs
- Outreach/Advocacy
- Procurement experience
- Fundraising
- Policy development
- Program evaluation
- Nonprofit experience
- Community service
- Web/social media-related skills
- Finance/Accounting
- Human Resources/ Personnel
- Public Relations
- Education, instruction
- Events
- Grant writing
- Other [list]

Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison to on behalf of BDI?

Anything else you'd like us to know?

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