

# City inviting minority and women-owned businesses to apply to work on BJCC projects

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If Birmingham is going to build a new downtown stadium, will businesses owned by minorities and women get a chance to compete for that work?

Tuesday, the city took steps to help make that happen.

Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin speaking with a room full of minority-owned business owners about how they can take part in the BJCC upgrades and construction of a new downtown stadium.

L'Tryce Slade was at the meeting and is hopeful to get an opportunity to work on the upcoming projects. Slade is the owner of Slade Land Use, Environmental and Transportation Planning.

"It's a huge project. It's a wonderful opportunity for Birmingham to boost the economic engine and hopefully catapult a lot of those businesses to the next level," Slade said.

Slade has an impressive resume in her relatively short amount of time being in business. She's worked on a number of projects around town like Regions Field and the Birmingham Crossplex. Her business has grown to cities like Atlanta and Dallas. She also runs a construction material testing lab out of the Innovation Depot.

"True diversity is just a tool to be able to use to foster larger opportunities for everyone to grow. I just hope that people understand that we all win together when we come together. This is an opportunity for Birmingham to really win," Slade said.

The city says the money generated from the upcoming projects will be pumped back into neighborhood revitalization.

You can learn more about the projects here: <http://bjcc.org/vendor-opportunities.php>