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Council Member David Howard to host second ReThink CLT forum focusing on small businesses

WHO: Council Member David Howard
City of Charlotte

WHAT: Council member David Howard invites the public, current and prospective entrepreneurs and service providers to a forum to ReThink Charlotte's future as it relates to government opportunities. The second event in the ReThinkCLT series, "The Future of Government Opportunities," will feature a panel of industry experts including:

- Cassius Butts, U.S. Small Business Administration
- Torre Jessup, General Services Administration
- Kaye Gantt, U.S. Department of Transportation
- Natasha Warren, City of Charlotte

Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with local service providers who can assist them with identifying bid opportunities and preparing proposals.

WHERE: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (CMGC), room 267
600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. – noon, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015
(A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.)

WHY: The goals of the forum are to determine products and services being sought by the federal government, learn about future opportunities and provide resources to assist small businesses in building their capacity, positioning themselves to do business with the federal government.

The public should RSVP by calling (704) 336-4947 or emailing aburney@charlottenc.gov by Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

About ReThink CLT:

ReThink CLT is a think-tank established by Charlotte Council Member David Howard. The goal of ReThink CLT is to shape forward-thinking policy that will strategically move the City of Charlotte into a more competitive global position.

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