## **EVENT RECAP**



Event: Operation Opportunity – Roadmap to Contracting Success Date: May 27, 2015 Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM Location: Sony Electronics, 16535 Via Esprillo, San Diego Attendees: 200 Sponsors: Unified Port of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, San Diego International Airport, General Atomics and Sony Electronics

#### Marketing Campaign:

- Event listed on 8+ community partner websites, listed on WBEC-West event site
- Estimated 20+ email campaigns distributed to community partners, vendor database reaching over 20,000 small businesses
- Event posted on WBEC-West social media accounts including Facebook with 5,000+ followers and Twitter with 3,000+ followers
- Three press releases distributed to over 15 media outlets

### Women's Business Enterprise Council w E S T



### **Event Agenda:**

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM

11:15 AM – 3:00 PM 11:15 AM – 3:00 PM 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

#### **Registration Open**

Starting Line: Roadmap to Doing Business with Sony Workshop Breakouts Pinpoint Your Best Prospect – Next Steps to Government Contracting Demonstrating Your Value with Corporations and Government Agencies Guide to Preparing for a CPSR Audit (Prime/Corporate Only Workshop) Small Business Opportunity Fair Community Partner Resource Room Networking Lunch Strategic Business Connections









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### **Event Photos**

# SONY

## Roadmap to Doing Business with Sony

Mark Pearson, Director of Corporate Procurement



## Directions: Pinpoint Your Best Prospect -

Next Steps to Government Contracting

Beverly Kuykendall, American Medical Depot President of Government Business







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## **Event Photos**

# Directions: Demonstrating Your Value with Corporations and Government Agencies

Perfecting Your Pitch - Diane West, President of 2Connect Developing Your Company's Capability Statement – Kathy David, President of IT Tech Pros Corporate Perspective – Shawn Ridgwell, Sony Electronics



# Guide to Preparing for a CPSR Audit (Prime/Corporate Only Workshop)

Lil Smith, Small Business Liaison Officer of ViaSat



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## **Event Photos**



















## **Community Partners**

Public Agency Consortium























## **Strategic Business Connection Highlights:**

- · Over 85 suppliers completed their profile on procurementregistration.com/wbec
- · 22 tables hosted by corporate and government agencues
- 176 meetings were prescheduled
- WBEC-West created and distributed a Corporate Keyword Resource Guide that was distributed to all Business Matchmaking Participants. This allowed each business business to maximize networking with attending corporations/agencies

### **Strategic Business Connections Participants**



## **Event Feedback**

### **Highlight:**

· 89% said YES to participating in future Operation Opportunity Events

### **Testimonials:**

- "I enjoyed the workshop, the presenter was very experienced at her field, and give some excellent points for small businesses. I liked how she was candid and approachable."
- "It was an excellent experience. I did attend many similar events, but this one has made their marks with an amazing organization, right on the point workshops, the attendees and organizations efficiency and the reaching out to the small businesses. I truly recommend any small business, who would like to network within the community and learn more."
- "The event was informative and access to companies/agencies was one of the main reasons we attend these events."
- "An exceptional forum for small businesses to learn the ins and outs of doing business with public agencies and large companies."
- "Thank you to SDSDC and WBEC for coordinating this event on behalf of the Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs across the South Western Region. Also, "thanks" to SONY for opening the doors of their offices to be used as the venue! To meet the needs of both Buyer and Seller (3) aspects must be met. People, Process, & Planning!"
- "Operation Opportunity is a "Do Not Miss" if you are a small business wanting to succeed in the San Diego area. I wish it was available when I was starting up." Harold Ray, ACSEAC since 1981.
- "The event at SONY was a terrific gathering that could easily create and/or enhance client-vendor relationships. It was well-run, easy to navigate and just the right amount of time."
- "A very well coordinated event which exceeded my expectations."
- "Very Good, Networking was the Best Part, and the speakers were very good."
- "It has been a few years since I participated in Operation Opportunity so this was a little different and smaller event that I remember. That being said, I really enjoyed the format. It was tough deciding which of the concurrent sessions to attend."



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