



**CITY OF GAINESVILLE
OFFICE OF EQUITY & INCLUSION**



October 27, 2023

Dear Business Owner,

The City of Gainesville is kicking off its 2024 Small Business Mentoring Initiative designed to help with the growth and development of small businesses within our community. We are opening up the application period, beginning on Friday, October 27, 2023 for small businesses wishing to apply for consideration and acceptance into the City's Small Business Mentoring Program.

Are you a purpose-driven entrepreneur looking to grow your business and believe you would benefit from having an experienced business Mentor provide you with learning and training opportunities? What about an experienced business owner who is willing to devote some time each month to the Small Business community as a Mentor? Are you able to commit to a year-long program?

If you answered yes and you are willing to meet the requirements of the program, then the City of Gainesville, through its Office of Equity and Inclusion, is extending the invitation for you to participate as a Mentor or Protégé in the City's Mentoring Program.

In order to evaluate the efficacy of the program and optimize the advantages gained by mentor and protégé teams, we kindly request that you provide periodic updates on the advancement of your relationship, and offer your insights on the effectiveness of this initiative over the course of the year.


Please confirm your intent to participate by completing and returning the accompanying application to our office by December 29, 2023, extended from the original date of November 29, 2023. We encourage you to apply today, as there are a limited number of openings available.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration to participate in the City's Small Business Mentoring Program!

Please complete this application and submit it to our office either in person, fax, email, or U.S. mail.

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