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New Orleans Latino Business Resources uplift all ethnicities interested in entrepreneurship

By City of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS—The City of New Orleans today announced new resources available for entrepreneurs through a partnership with El Centro, a New Orleans-based nonprofit fostering the economic mobility of Latinos in South Louisiana by providing culturally competent business and financial coaching in Spanish. These resources include video and text tutorials on how to obtain occupational and sales tax licenses.

"Our collaboration with El Centro is about meeting our entrepreneurs where they are and providing them with the tools necessary to create generational wealth," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell.
"It is my hope that the resources shared today represent a first step in our ongoing partnership to remain an inclusive and welcoming city and to reduce barriers faced by entrepreneurs. New Orleans continues to thrive because of our very diverse population and the contributions of our Hispanic community, and my administration is proud to work with such great partners to help

and economic mobility.' "Bringing Latino entrepreneurs into the

formal economy through accessible tools promotes economic mobility, expands the tax base, and creates jobs and wealth for New Orleanians," said Director of Economic Development Jeffrey Schwartz. "We are grateful to the National League of Cities and El Centro for their partnership in responding thoughtfully to a need within our entrepreneurial ecosystem." The city and El Centro made a commitment

to support Hispanic entrepreneurs through the Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) program of the National League of Cities, and worked to identify institutional and programmatic barriers faced by Hispanic entrepreneurs wanting to start businesses in New Orleans. This collaboration led to the creation of a Spanish language-accessible video and one-pager that outlines the occupational and sales tax license process in New Orleans. "The National League of Cities takes immense pride in recognizing El Centro's pivotal role

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entrepreneurs better navigate the process of obtaining occupational licenses in the City of New Orleans," said National League of Cities Program Director Corianne Rice.

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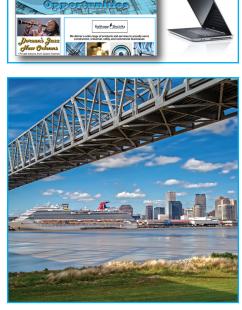
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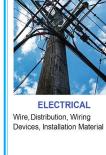








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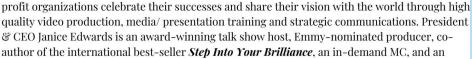




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