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**NEW INITIATIVE ‘MOCS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD’ MEETS BUSINESSES  
WHERE THEY ARE**

*Prospective contractors receive in-person, step-by-step assistance with completing PASSPort Vendor Enrollment and finding contracting opportunities.*

**NEW YORK** – The New York City Mayor’s Office of Contract Services (MOCS) today announced the launch of MOCS in Your Neighborhood, a monthly in-person workshop designed to provide prospective contractors with the critical support needed to contract with the City and use the Procurement and Sourcing Solutions Portal (PASSPort), the City’s end-to-end digital procurement platform. Participating businesses will receive an in-depth overview of PASSPort and step-by-step assistance and guidance on topics such as completing Vendor Enrollment and finding contracting opportunities.

“Our focus is to make it easier to do business with New York City,” said **Lisa Flores Director of the Mayor’s Office of Contract Services and City Chief Procurement Officer**. “The launch of MOCS in Your Neighborhood is the latest action we have taken to prioritize rebuilding relationships with our City’s contracting partners – especially our small businesses and Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. We will continue to work towards demystifying the City’s procurement process by finding new and innovative ways to provide accessible vendor training resources.”

The initiative aims to increase business access to, and understanding of, PASSPort and the procurement process by bringing resources directly to businesses. To ensure its continued success, MOCS is partnering with City agencies, local businesses and organizations across the five boroughs to be able to meet vendors where they are.

MOCS has also recently launched the “[Getting Started](#)” series and [Your Path to Contracting with the City](#). “Getting Started” is a live monthly webinar series created for organizations starting their contracting journey. Your Path to Contracting with the City is a tool aimed to break down and simplify the procurement process.

Businesses interested in registering for MOCS in Your Neighborhood are encouraged to complete the form found [here](#).

<b>2023 Workshop Schedule (February to June)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Borough</b>
2/22/2023	10:30 AM	Manhattan

3/9/2023	10:30AM	Queens
4/13/2023	10:30 AM	Brooklyn
5/17/2023	10:30 AM	Bronx
6/14/2023	10:30 AM	Staten Island

“I was extremely impressed with all the hands-on support and clear instructions,” said **Mildred Velez Founder and Executive Director of Fibromyalgia Care Society of America**. “Once the process was explained by the facilitator, it was seamless!”

“I am so grateful to say that I have completed my vendor enrollment during the training!” said **Kelly George Founder and CEO of Real Resilience Coaching & Consulting**. “I love in-person trainings.”



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