

Spotlight — Next Generation Contractors: Unism Development Company • Prism Development, Inc. • Turner Graphics --- *read about these contractors*

UNISM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Unism Development Company was established in 1993 by Ben Warmate. Since its inception, the company has provided services as a prime contractor and subcontractor in the areas of Construction Management and General Construction, specializing in underground utilities; pole-setting; guard-rail installation; and concrete (sidewalks, curbs and gutters). Unism Development Company has on hand seven employees and is bondable and insured. The company has performed sub work on Travis County Correctional Facility; Katrina Rescue Program; Southwest Key Project; Samsung Plant Improvements; Manor ISD Bond Program; New Orleans Transit Authority; New Orleans Correctional Facility; and Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority. Unism is certified as a Minority Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise with the City of Austin and as a Historically Underutilized Business with the State of Texas. The company maintains membership with the American Management Association and the Round Rock High School Parents Association.

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Right to Left: Ben Warmate, Unism Development Company, Melinda vonOhlen, Prism Development, Inc., and Darrell Turner, Turner Graphics. Photo by: Jan Lawson, Austin Energy

PRISM DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Melinda vonOhlen serves as the vice president of Prism Development, Inc., an Austin, Texas based corporation established in 1990 by Michael vonOhlen, president. Over the eighteen years in business, Prism has developed a reputation for honesty and integrity throughout Central Texas in the commercial, industrial, medical, retail and educational construction marketplace. Services offered by Prism include: general construction, specialty trades as well as construction and project management; cost estimating; project tracking; contract compliance and design build services. Prism's workforce is comprised of skilled construction tradesmen, licensed trade specialists, professional support personnel and an in house certified architect. Additionally, the company is bonded and insured; certified as a Minority Owned Business, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Historically Underutilized Business, SBA 8(a) Program. Prism was one of the original members of the Austin Black Contractors Association and is currently a member of the Associated General Contractors of America.

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TURNER GRAPHICS

Turner Graphics was established as a sole proprietorship in January of 1994 by Darrell Turner. The firm offers professional Computer Aided Design Services and maintains Auto CAD Software 2006 and 2009 Civil 3D Software. The firm has performed professional services for the City of Austin, Fort Branch Creek Reach 6 and 7 Channel Rehabilitation, HDR Engineering and the City of Austin East Williams Cannon Drive; Dannenbaum Engineering Corp. Additionally, the firm has performed professional services for the Texas State University Campus Improvements, Half & Associates, Inc. and Friendship Lane Project – Fredericksburg, Texas projects. Pending projects include the City of Austin Small Diameter Water and Wastewater Pipeline Rehabilitation; City of Austin General Watershed; Austin Bergstrom International Airport ABIA Improvement; City of Austin Water and Wastewater Engineering. Mr. Turner's firm is certified as a Minority Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise with the City of Austin; and is a member of the Austin Black Contractors Association and a youth leader for the junior usher board at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

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