



Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony
April 20 – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
WSU Hughes Metro Center - 5015 E. 29th St. N. - Wichita

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Visioneering Wichita completed Phase I in December, 2004 which brought together over 9,000 area residents along with government and community leaders to understand and address the significant challenges facing our (MSA) Metropolitan Statistical Area of Sedgwick, Harvey, Butler and Sumner counties. The result of this unprecedented effort was the publication of a 20-year strategic plan and vision for our metro area (see www.visioneeringwichita.com for plan).

Now is the time to start on that plan. *Visioneering Wichita* is forming alliances around six priority areas: Entrepreneurism & Small Business; MSA as a College Mecca; Mentoring in our K-12 Systems; Health Care; Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony; and a South Central Kansas Unified Legislative Agenda.

Your organization has been identified as a needed valuable asset to begin an exploratory discussion regarding the formation of a strategic alliance on Racial Diversity, Opportunity & Harmony. You are invited to attend this initial meeting which will specifically discuss the following:

Racial Diversity, Opportunity and Harmony

Encourage employers to be committed to a racially diverse workforce. Vision Partners will ensure inclusion and racial diversity as they adopt and implement strategies in the six Foundations. Recognize that the Wichita MSA will not succeed in meeting its Key Benchmarks without achieving racial diversity, opportunity and harmony.

- a) Create thriving neighborhoods that are both ethnically and racially diverse.
- b) Reduce the earnings gap between minorities and non-minorities.
- c) Increase graduation rates.
- d) Close achievement gap .

Please indicate your attendance by contacting Diane Longfellow at 268-1141 or via email at diane@wacc.org by April 14th. I hope your schedule permits your attendance at this critical first meeting. If you are unable to attend you may send a representative.