

“Rice Management Company’s (RMC) community engagement activities include:

1. One-on-one meetings with key community stakeholders some of which are now members of a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Working Group.
2. Launching a public engagement website and survey allowing the general public to submit ideas and suggestions for the CBA.
www.houinnovate.com continues to provide updated opportunities for public engagement and participation.
3. Hosting a public workshop series that covered three broad focus areas for CBA commitments. The Workshop series was held on three separate days with over 300 community members from across the City of Houston participating.
 - a. **View Public Workshop Series**
4. Houston Ion partnership events with community service providers and minority contractors.
 - a. **Industry Day for MWBE subcontractors**
 - b. **Ion programming for the community**
5. Convening a working group of community stakeholders to assist RMC in identifying commitments to include in a CBA.

RMC will make commitments to ensure that the development of the Innovation District benefits our neighbors and offers economic opportunities to all Houstonians. The CBA Working Group will be charged with helping to identify the content of commitments to be documented in a signed Community Benefits Agreement. The Working Group is composed of 13 members representing neighborhoods adjacent to the Innovation District, as well as interested business and civic group leaders with various subject matter expertise. The CBA Working Group commenced meeting in early December 2020.

The CBA Working Group is following a six step process to produce recommendations for commitments to include in a CBA.

The six-step process includes:

1. Identifying early community partnership opportunities.
2. Outlining categories for potential CBA commitments.
3. Outlining subcategories within the broader categories of potential CBA commitments.
4. Proposing program concepts and commitments that may be documented in the CBA.
5. Proposing program and commitment criteria as well as a timeline for implementation.
6. Proposing processes and structures for accountability and compliance.