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The Renaissance Project Announces *Minding My Own Business:*
A Presentation of African American Women Entrepreneurs

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The Renaissance Project is pleased to announce the following presentation as part of our
African American Women: Breaking Silence Series:

At 6PM on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at Community Book Center

Minding My Own Business features a conversation with seven local African American female entrepreneurs about the challenges and rewards of small business ownership in both pre and post-Katrina contexts in New Orleans.

Lynette White Colin, *Urban League New Orleans*

Amina Dada, Artist and Caterer

Bernadette Gildspinel, *LaBelle Galerie*

Greer Goff Mendy, *Tekrema Center of Art and Culture*

Sarone SunRaa, *House of Beauty*

Jennifer Turner and Vera Warren-Williams, *Community Book Center*

The Renaissance Project envisions a vital, thriving New Orleans that recognizes residents from historically low-income communities of color and engages them in the rebirth of their neighborhoods as beautiful, safe, economically resilient, and culturally vibrant places where they enjoy access to good health, good food, quality education, economic opportunity and civic participation across race and class for the common good.

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The series is hosted by Community Book Center, 2523 Bayou Road, New Orleans, 504.948.7323.

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