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**Subject:** **GATEWAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE: Business Association Meeting next week, 3/19 @ 6 pm!**  
**Attachments:** Agenda 3-19-09.pdf

**Dear Business owners and representatives,**

Since October 2008, various business representatives have been meeting to form a business association. Monthly meetings have been held and advertised, and those participating have helped to accomplish the following:

- Vision statement
- Mission statement
- Organizational & operational structure
- General methods for responding to area businesses, and
- Name: the **GATEWAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE (GBA)**.

**The work continues - and YOU ARE NEEDED.** The GBA will meet again next week. Please come to meet the GBA officers and committee chairs, and to help plan the priority tasks for the GBA to undertake. Also, plan to help brainstorm ways to showcase GBA businesses in the upcoming 2nd Annual Historic Open House and Tour on Saturday, May 9, 2009. An agenda is attached for your reference.

**The meeting details are as follows:**

**Date: Thursday, March 19, 2009**

**Time: 6-7 p.m., with time for networking following the meeting**

**Location: Executive Inn & Suites, 333 W. Drachman**

For more information about the group, and discussion notes from prior meetings, please go online to [www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/oarp](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/planning/oarp) and look under the 'Gateway Business Alliance' link.

Hope to see you Thursday!

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