



FORUM AGENDA



Policy & Politics Business and Legislative Forum

BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER -- BALTIMORE, MD

Friday, February 20, 2009

MBRT Small and Minority Business Legislative Forum

12:00pm – 1:30pm	<p>MBRT Luncheon (Members, Selected Guests, and Sponsors) – Small and Minority Business Issues and Opportunities Luncheon Speakers: Roger A. Campos, MBRT President & CEO Janice Howroyd, MBRT Chairman Andra Rush, MBRT Vice Chairman Daniel Heath, Executive Director International Monetary Fund John J. Castellani, President Business Roundtable MBRT Strategic Partner Award Announcement</p>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<p>Session I – Top Voices in Minority Business Panel comprised of CEOs and Advocates will raise and discuss issues that are of greatest importance to small and minority businesses.</p> <p>Moderator: Fox News (TBD) Invited Panelists: Margot Dorfman, CEO, U.S. Women’s Chamber of Commerce Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians Anthony Robinson, President, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund Rawley Soberano, President, Asian American Business Roundtable Stephen Denlinger, President & CEO, Latin American Management Association (procurement advocate U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce) Fernando Galaviz, Chairman, National Association of Small Business Federal Contractors</p> <p>Topics: 1. Reauthorization of Small Businesses Administration (SBA) legislation 2. Federal contracting 3. Controlling the cost of Health care 4. Collecting better data on small and minority businesses 5. Providing Affordable and Reliable Energy 6. Sustaining world technological leadership 7. Other Discussion topics that affect small and minority business competition, growth and success</p>
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3:15pm – 5:00pm	<p>Session II – Legislative & Administrative Leaders Panel comprised of Democratic and Republican Leaders will discuss how Congress will address issues of greatest importance to small and minority businesses.</p> <p>Moderator: Fox News (TBD) Invited Panelists: Sen. Ben Cardin (D -MD) Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) Karen Mills, SBA Administrator Michael Steele, former Lt. Governor state of Maryland</p> <p>Topics: 1. What are the most important issues affecting small and minority businesses? 2. What will Congress do to affect change in SBA and government set aside contracts? What are the hurdles? 3. What are the goals and issues Congress and the Administration will address this year in terms of priorities? 4. What is the future of minority business? 5. Other Discussion topics that affect small and minority business competition, growth and success</p>
6:00pm – 7:00pm	VIP RECEPTION
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Stars and Stripes Dinner

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