

## Minority Business RoundTable

### Upcoming Events:

- Congressional Leadership Summit May 4th, 2006
- MBRT Board Meeting May 4th, 2006
- MBRT Trade Mission to China May 27th-June 4th, 2006

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# MBRT Connected

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## MBRT Invited to China

By: *Caresa Campos*

The Minority Business RoundTable has the extraordinary opportunity to participate in an international trade mission with China. MBRT has been invited by the Mayors of China's four most important cities to bring technology and an international trade delegation to meet with government officials and local business owners in China. The trade mission will consist of 9 days, from May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>, visiting Shanghai, Changde City, Shenyang City, and Beijing. Over these 9 days



***"This trip will forge new business relationships for business owners who seek expansion into overseas markets"***

**Roger Campos, President & CEO, MBRT**

in China, participants will engage in networking sessions, business conferences, visiting economic

development zones and experiencing the Chinese culture.

In September of 2004, MBRT and Mayor Jen Wen of Changde City signed a trade pact to provide business partners for those seeking to expand in global markets. "Our first trade mission to China will afford CEO's one on one sessions with their counterpart CEO's in China to establish a relationship between their respective companies," stated Roger Campos, President and CEO of MBRT. Campos also talked *See "China," pg. 2.*

## Congressional Leadership Summit 2006 Leading Issues Impacting Minority Businesses

By: *Caresa Campos*

On May 4th, the Minority Business RoundTable will be invading Capitol Hill and holding our annual Congressional

Leadership Summit from 2:00pm to 8:00pm in the Capitol Chambers. This Summit will be a great opportunity for minority businesses and members

of the Minority RoundTable to conduct a policy-based dialogue with Members of Congress on issues of importance

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**Beautiful Chinese Architecture in Beijing, China.**

about his experience with Mayor Jen Wen back in 2004. "Because of our unique relationship with the Mayor, MBRT will receive introductions at the highest levels of government and business." Three days of the nine day trip are dedicated to networking and introductions between MBRT participants and Chinese busi-

ness entrepreneurs.

Mr. Campos also spoke about the partnership with MBRT member Jean Chen with Forte Group International on coordinating this trade mission. "Drawing on the expertise of Ms. Chen, who recently set up the China trade mission for Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich

and other US officials, we have teamed up to provide an extraordinary opportunity to enjoy China's attractions while conducting business at the same time." The trade mission to China also dedicates a portion of its time to experiencing the Chinese culture.

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# Capitol Hill

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... to the minority business community.

This event is already receiving an enormous amount of attention on the Hill. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA) has agreed to sponsor the event and bring many of her Democratic colleagues with her. Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert has also been invited to be a key note speaker during the reception.



**House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.**

The panel dis-

cussion will consist of a member of each party and a prominent business leader to weigh in on each issue discussed. These issues will be some of the hot topics facing minority businesses today, including: the economy, healthcare, immigration and the guest worker program, and contracting and procurement opportunities for minority-owned companies.

The Business Roundtable has agreed to be the platinum sponsor for this event, but

other sponsorship opportunities are still available. Sponsorships are a way for your company to be showcased at the Congressional Leadership Summit and provides wonderful networking opportunities between your business and other members of MBRT and Members of Congress.

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# Upcoming MBRT Board Meeting



**MBRT Board Meeting 5/4/06 12:00pm-1:30pm**

Summit in Washington, DC. The meeting will be held from 12:00pm until 1:30pm with the Summit following at 2:00pm. All MBRT members are welcome to attend the Board meeting and board elections will be discussed. Please join us to

discuss the future of MBRT and its members. Also bring ideas of how MBRT can better serve you.

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MBRT will be holding a Board meeting on Thursday May 4, 2006 before the Congressional Leadership

## MBRT Member Highlights



**Left:**  
MBRT member Janice Howroyd, CEO of Act1 Personnel Services, to the left of President Bush.



**Left:**  
MBRT Board Member Howard Li, CEO of Waitex International, recently received an appointment to President Bush's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.



**Senator Ted Stevens meeting with MBRT member Ying Wang, MBRT President and CEO Roger Campos, Change City Mayor Jen Wen and event sponsor and MBRT member, Greg Craig, CEO of Cook-Inlet Energy Supply.**



**Honorary MBRT Board Member, Wayne Newton**

## About MBRT:

The Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) is a national non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization for CEO's of the nation's largest minority-owned companies. It functions as the vehicle for its members to analyze and help formulate effective public policies that impact minority-owned businesses. Membership is by invitation only. Members hold positions equivalent to chief executive officers (CEO) or chairperson in their respective businesses.

## Our Mission:

Is to promote, support and advocate for our members and their respective industry. Our corporate members work to create sustainable communities and national economic viability. MBRT fulfills its mission of service to its members by providing advocacy, networking, policy initiatives, and strategic partnerships. We are committed to taking minority businesses to another level.



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## Trade Mission,

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Participants will get to visit the Great Wall of China, Tianamen Square, the Imperial Palace and other places of attraction.

All travel arrangements including transportation, lodging, meals, meetings sightseeing, and translators have been provided at a special discounted rate. Space is limited for this international trade opportunity to 12-15 CEO's, so please reserve your space today!

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MBRT President and CEO Roger Campos with Mayor Jen Wen of Changde City, China.