

National Black Chamber of Commerce Annual Conference Kicks off in Washington, DC

Speakers to Discuss Opportunity Zones, Illinois African American Fair Contracting Commission, Bonding Assistance and Negative Impact of Project Labor Agreements

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Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, president & CEO Chamber of Commerce's (<u>NBCC</u>) <u>26th Annual Conference</u> is set to roll! We kick off "A More Dynamic Economy-How to Transform Our Analogue Economy with 21st Century Solutions" Conference on July 19-21, 2018 at the Senate Hart Building in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity to build your network and expand your opportunities. Entrepreneurs from across the United States and Cameroon, Kenya, Nigeria and France are expected to participate.

The Honorable Senator Tim Scott has confirmed his attendance and will discuss his legislation creating Opportunity Zones which are designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities.

Senator Scott is the recipient of the NBCC's 2018 Parren J. Mitchell Award.

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner will be in attendance to accept the NBCC's 2018 Arthur A. Fletcher Award. We honor Governor Rauner, in part, for his Executive Order to establish parity for African American contractors in the State of Illinois.

Harry C. Alford, NBCC president and CEO says "Federal procurement with African-Americans is at a precipitous low of 1.8%, we must come together and find solutions to increase this number." Representatives from The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the US Department of Transportation will give updates.

Successful Restaurateur Mr. Shelley "Butch" Anthony, III, Co-Founder/CEO of This Is It! Bar-B-q & Seafood Restaurants a Business Coach, Motivational Speaker (Own The Dirt) and author of "God has a Plan for the Underdog" is just one of our dynamic speakers.

Panel discussions will highlight the negative impact of Project Labor Agreements, Bonding Assistance, Smart Cities and 5G wireless deployment.

<u>Registration</u> is open to all. Please go to <u>http://bit.ly/DynamicEconomy</u> for more information. Early Bird registration ends today.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce® is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States and via interaction with the Black Diaspora.

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