

Minority Business RoundTable

Upcoming Events:

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China
postponed
until October
2006

White House
Annual Event
& Presidents
Salute to
Excellence
December
2006

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MBRT HOSTS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON CAPITOL HILL WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON MAY 4, 2006

-- MBRT invites National Trade Association Leaders to brief Congress on Minority Business

Washington, D.C. – Roger A. Campos, President & CEO of the Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) has invited Members of Congress and their staff for a briefing on business issues by ten CEO's of some of the most prominent National Trade Associations dealing with minority business. The briefing will cover topics including some of the pressing issues facing minority business owners which are growing at a rate three times faster than non minority businesses and number over 4 million and employ millions of Americans.



"The Minority Business RoundTable plays a crucial role in both the business community and among many different minority populations. I commend them for their efforts and look forward to continuing to work with them on an agenda that promotes economic growth, opportunity, and ownership", said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman of the Republican Hispanic Conference.

"As our Nation faces new challenges, the need for increasing Minority business leadership roles in the democratic process has never been more important" said Roger A. Campos, President & CEO of MBRT. "We have invited Speaker Hastert and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Members of Congress from both parties and top business leaders to address issues dealing with the U.S. economy, access to contracts and markets, national security, workforce & economic development and the controversial Immigration reform and Guest Worker legislation now pending before Congress. "

We need to remind Congress to focus on the budget and deficit, social security, medicare and tort reform, a long term energy strategy to combat the huge raise in gasoline and natural gas prices and now the possibility of inflation, said Houston Williams, CEO, Pacific Network Solutions, San Jose, CA and Chairman of MBRT.

Congressional Leadership Summit 2006



May 4, 2006



AGENDA

2:00 pm-2:45 pm



Welcome Speakers and Sponsors

Roger A. Campos, President & CEO, Minority Business RoundTable.
Houston L. Williams, CEO PNS & Chairman, Minority Business RoundTable
John Castellani, President, Business Roundtable
Keynote Address:

Rep. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House
Rep. Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader

Honored Guests:

Rep. Melvin Watt, Chairman Congressional Black Caucus
Rep. Grace Napolitano, Chairman Hispanic Caucus
Rep. Michael Honda, Chairman Asian Caucus
Rep. John Larson, Vice-Chair of the House Democratic Caucus
Rep. Ben Cardin
Rep. Gwen Moore



2:45 pm-3:35 pm



U.S. Economy and the State of Minority Business *"Pro-Growth Strategies for Economic Vitality"*

Daniel Heath, Associate Director, White House Economic Council
Garland W. Williamson, CEO, ICS and Chairman, Presidents Roundtable
Joseph McAvoy, Vice President, Aerotek
Dr. Rawlein Soberano, President Asian American Business Roundtable
Res. Com. Luis Fortuno
Rep. Nydia Velazquez

3:40 pm-4:30 pm



Federal & Corporate Contracting *"Access to Contracts and Markets"*

Wayne R. Frazier, Sr., President, Maryland Washington Minority Contractors' Association
Pete Homer, President, National Indian Business Association
Stephen Denlinger, President Latin American Management Association
Anthony Robinson, Chairman Minority Business Summit and President Minority Business Legal Defense Fund

4:35 pm-5:25 pm



Immigration and Guest Worker Program *"National Security, Workforce and Economic Development"*

Dr. Jorge Ribas, President & CEO, Greater Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Henry Ramirez, Former Chairman Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for Spanish Speaking
Michael L. Barerra, President & CEO, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Rep. Xavier Becerra

News From House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi

Pelosi Presented with the 2006 Minority Business Roundtable Congressional Leadership Award

**MBRT Congressional Leadership Summit
on Capitol Hill May 4, 2006**



Washington, D.C. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is this year's recipient of the Minority Business RoundTable's Congressional Leadership Award for her efforts in promoting business opportunities for minority owned businesses. In attendance were CEOs from the nation's minority business trade associations to discuss different factors concerning their businesses. Below are Pelosi's remarks:

"I am honored to have received the Congressional Leadership Award from the Minority Business RoundTable. This award is a wonderful recognition of the close relationship between the business community and the Democratic Party.

"The face of business in America is changing, as the number of minority owned firms has soared 31 percent to more than 4 million in the last decade. Minority firms- representing almost 20 percent of the nation's companies- are an integral part of the engine of our economy.

"A top priority for all Democrats is to ensure that minority entrepreneurs have the vital support to allow them to prosper, such as a stake in the federal marketplace and access to capital.

"As business owners, minorities are creating new technology, new products, and more effective business operations. Minority owned businesses are the leaders in innovation. They are the backbone of the American economy and the embodiment of the American dream.

"That is why it is imperative that we hear directly from minority entrepreneurs about the issues facing small businesses across the country. Their wisdom can help us promote policies and legislation that will help small business achieve its goals -- not stand in its way.

"Events like the Minority Business RoundTable Summit help create a dialogue to ensure that the issues facing minority business owners will be solved. These companies have the power to grow the economy, and with our help, they will succeed. I applaud the MBRT's efforts in supporting the entrepreneurial spirit of our country's entrepreneurs. We look forward to continuing our work together."



"I would like to commend you and your staff at MBRT for a job well done. It was compact, substantive, covering the most challenging issues of our time, with participation from the elected members of Congress and representatives of the private sector, including the minority trade associations..... This must be showcased throughout the rest of the country. On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it a 9 versus what I rate MEDWEEK on the same scale as a generous 2." -- *Dr. Rawley Soberano, President & CEO, Asian American Business Roundtable*



AMBASSADOR JOHN UPSTON'S PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN HONDURAS

**By Ambassador John Upston and Shelton
Merrill**

April 20, 2006: Last month Ambassador John Upston, Chairman of the MBRT International Trade and Investment Committee visited Honduras with Shelton J. Merrill, Chairman USA Environmental Technologies, Inc. (USET), a Commonwealth of Virginia (USA) Corporation. The trip was at the invitation of Dr. Milton Simon, Mayor of La Ceiba, Honduras. It was determined that one of the biggest challenges facing Honduras is providing safe portable drinking water to its school children.

As a result of this fact-finding trip, USA Environmental Technologies, Inc. (USET) proposes to initiate through matching corporate contributions, USAID, CARE and other non-profit organizations the "Safe-Water Schools Project-Honduras" using its integrated water distillation and solar powered generator technology.

Roger A. Campos, President & CEO of the MBRT made the following comment in support of this initiative: "The "Safe-Water Schools Project-Honduras" is a fine example of Public Diplomacy and Private Sector Initiative. It helps with a very serious environmental and health problem in Honduras and at the same time, it impacts relatives of millions of Hondurans living here as US citizens. Creating Public - Private partnerships is one of our objectives at the MBRT."

MBRT President & CEO Appointed to SBA National Advisory Board

-- Roger A. Campos appointed for a two year term

Tuesday May 18, 2006 - Washington, D.C. – Roger A. Campos, President & CEO of the Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) has been appointed to the Small Business Administration's National Advisory Council (NAC) for a two year term effective immediately. The SBA is the only Federal agency created specifically to assist small businesses. The NAC is a group of dedicated business leaders and concerned citizens from throughout the country that advise the SBA Administrator to carryout SBA's mission to maintain and strengthen the Nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting and protecting the interests of small businesses and by helping families and businesses recover from natural disasters. "The NAC plays a unique role in advising me and other Agency officials about the vital issues affecting small businesses throughout our country", said Hector Barreto, SBA Administrator. "With your valuable counsel and support, I believe SBA can do much to promote the growth of small businesses and private enterprise."