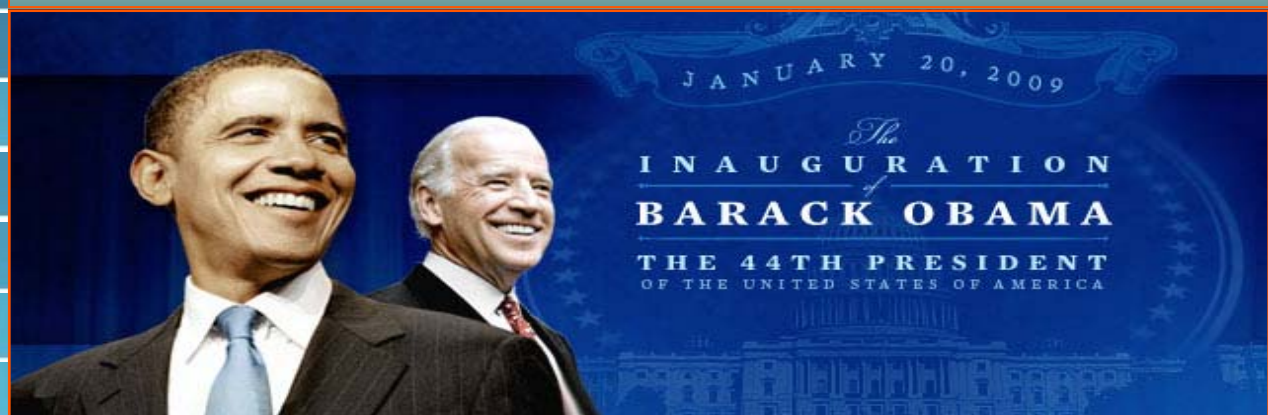




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MBRT Congratulates President Barack Obama & Vice President Joseph Biden



Upcoming Events:
 Policy & Politics Legislative Forum
 February 20, 2009
 Baltimore, MD

REGISTER NOW!

White House Briefing
 March 2009

White House Minority Business Summit
 June 2009

Congratulations from Vice-President Joseph R. Biden,
 "President Obama and I understand that our country faces many challenges... the Minority Business RoundTable continually renews my confidence about what we, as Americans, can achieve together." – *Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President*

About MBRT:
 The Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) is a national nonprofit 501(c)3 membership organization for CEO's of the nation's largest and leading 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.

JOIN MBRT!
 Your charitable contributions provide a voice for Minority Businesses.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

MINORITY BUSINESS & LEGISLATIVE FORUM 2009
LEADING ISSUES IMPACTING MINORITY BUSINESSES
 On February 20, 2009, the Minority Business RoundTable will be holding the "Policy & Politics: Minority Business & Legislative Forum" addressing The Future of Minority Business with Members of Congress, White House and Administration officials, CEO's representing Large and Small businesses, Executives from Fortune 500 firms, Trade Association Executives, and Special Guests from the new Obama Administration from 12:00pm to 5:00pm in the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards.

- Forum Topics of Discussion:**
- What are the Congress & White House priorities in 2009?
 - What are the most important issues affecting your business?
 - What can your business do to affect change in government policies?
 - How will the government deal with the SBA 8(a) and set aside programs?
 - What is the future of minority business?

MBRT LAUNCHES BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTING & ACQUISITION SERVICES TO HELP SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESSES

- Hires Federal Business Development, Contracting and Acquisition Expert to provide general government procurement guidance and consulting services
- Robert Saldivar (Bob), a former Federal Executive experienced in contracting and small/disadvantaged business programs has joined MBRT. Bob has also worked extensively with large and small businesses
- MBRT partners with Set-Aside Alert to provide pre-solicitation, sources sought, teaming opportunities and contract announcements for set-aside programs

With the U.S. economy in trouble, there is more stress on small and minority businesses to survive. Businesses are downsizing and seeking ways to conserve cash and get loans for help. The federal government's set-aside programs for small and minority businesses including the SBA's 8(a) program, HUBZone, Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business and Small Business set-asides represent and offer one of the few spots for business survival tactics in these troubled times.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

MBRT URGES BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN AUTOMAKERS, MINORITY SUPPLIERS DEALERS AND WORKERS

- Calls to convene White House Summit on Minority Business
- Elevate SBA Administrator and Agency to Cabinet Rank
- Create economic stimulus package for small and minority business with greater federal lending authority, relaxing tight credit to access capital and open federal markets and contracts to help Main Street businesses
- Restore confidence in American financial markets through greater oversight and accountability to protect American retirement, savings, housing, and business

MBRT urges Senate Republicans to pass \$14 billion in loans to restructure auto industry, save jobs and sustain financial viability of its minority suppliers and auto dealers. Restructuring plan should include strategies to help small and minority businesses.

"... we ask that Congress mandate that all the recipients' of federal bailout dollars (TARP) offer a plan in their restructuring efforts to provide favorable bridge loan funding immediately to MBE suppliers and dealers, and relax the interest terms it charges the financial institutions, who write these loans. This will help drive the lending institutions to support and sustain small and minority businesses", said Andra Rush, Vice Chairman of MBRT and CEO of Rush Trucking in Wayne, MI.

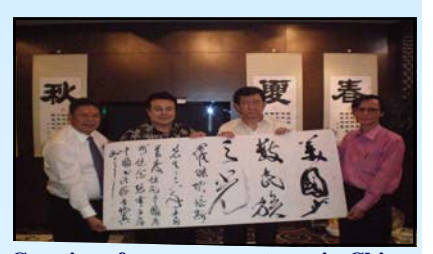
JOINT ASSOCIATION LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS: ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROTECT AMERICA'S WOMEN & VETERAN OWNED SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESSES

We represent millions of small and minority businesses in America who employ millions of working family members. We are Native American, African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and American small business owners who along with Women and Veteran owned businesses, create the most jobs and are responsible for the most growth in the U.S. economy. ... If President-elect Obama's economic stimulus plan is to succeed and create 3 to 4 million new jobs, it must include a sharp focus on job creation and expanding access to capital for small businesses. Existing small business programs that could stimulate the economy should also be mobilized.

MBRT Sponsors and Strategic Partners

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

MBRT EXPANDS ITS REACH ACROSS THE GLOBE
TRADE MISSION TO CHINA
 MBRT president and CEO Roger Campos was invited to China to develop trade links with MBRT Asian CEOs and business leaders in China on October 21-31st 2008. The trade mission visited Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou, three of the largest industrialized cities in China. Pursuant to a partnership developed between MBRT, the America & Asian Trade Center (AATC), and American Products, Exhibition and Exchange Center, ... "We need to more actively engage and participate in U.S. policies and business. We need, as Chinese Americans, to actively participate in the economic and political process", said Laney Lee, president Asian Trade Center and MBRT board member.



Greetings from your partners in China

THE AFRICAN BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE - MBRT SIGNS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OPENS TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITH AFRICA

On November 8, 2008, MBRT signed a strategic partnership with the African Business Roundtable - USA to promote international business opportunities and establish trade links between Africa and the United States as well as support each organization's mission of job creation, business development and economic growth for African, African American CEOs, and minority businesses. The partnership will raise awareness of contract opportunities between the U.S. and the African continent. We will work with government agencies to help them meet mandated U.S. minority business set aside contracting requirements. This will enhance cultural exchange and economic growth through international trade.



Signing Ceremony between Chairman & Founders of ABR & MBRT

New MBRT MEMBER MBRT Leadership

 MAUREEN BUNYAN Veteran Television News Broadcaster and News Anchor for ABC Channel 7News, Washington, DC	 JANICE B. HOWROYD MBRT Board Chairman Founder-CEO ACT-1 Group, Torrance, California	 ANDRA RUSH MBRT Board Vice Chairman Founder-CEO of Rush Trucking, Wayne, Michigan;	 ROGER A. CAMPOS MBRT Founder, President & CEO Washington, DC
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