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Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) 2009 Congressional Procurement Conference & Expo

ROCKVILLE, MD – The MCCC Government Contracting Network (GovConNet) will host the annual Congressional Procurement Conference and Expo on May 13 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at The Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center. U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen is the Honorary Chair for the event and will open the conference.

The annual event is comprised of 30 workshops, an expo of nearly 80 exhibit booths, and—for the first time—conference speakers including Ms. Casey Coleman, Chief Information Officer, U.S. General Services Administration; Mr. David A. Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. General Services Administration; and Mr. Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The conference brings businesses together with experts from a number of Federal, state and local agencies, and the private sector. Presenters share insights about the procurement process and requirements to teach local business owners how to capture a larger portion of federal procurement dollars. This year, record procurement spending of \$787 billion in stimulus dollars is anticipated. Special sessions will be devoted to programs geared toward helping small businesses, women, veterans and minority-owned firms succeed in winning private, federal, state and local procurement contracts.

“Government contracting is a major part of this area’s economy, but Maryland’s share of government contracting dollars has decreased, even while total federal government spending increased,” said Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, MCCC President and CEO. “This program helps to reverse that trend and supports our local government contractors to grow, create jobs and strengthen our economy.”

This year’s Conference sponsors are Deltek, Aitheras, First Call Office Products, Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County Department of Economic Development, Seeds of Genius and The Universities at Shady Grove.

The GovConNet sponsors are Aronson Capital Partners; Aronson and Company; Catapult Technology; Cordia Partners; Deltek; Lockheed Martin; Mountaintop Marketing Group; PilieroMazza; PNC Bank; TD Bank; Technology and Business Solutions; The Insurance Exchange; Venable LLP; and Watkins, Meegan, Drury and Company.

GovConNet formed in 2008 as a resource for Federal procurement education, connections and information. The GovConNet events cover every facet of Federal contracting, from back office management to positioning a company for greater growth. To learn more about the Chamber’s GovConNet program and events, please contact MCCC Executive Vice President, Barbara Ashe at 301-738-0015 ext. 215 or bashe@mcccmd.com.

About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce:

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves its 500+ business members by providing opportunities to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved Maryland business climate. The current Chairman of the Board is Dr. James Whang, former President and CEO of defense contractor AEPLOG. For more information about the Chamber, visit www.montgomerycountycommerce.com.

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