



Chamber in the News

August 20, 2009

The Veteran Institute for Procurement Set to Open Doors in Early September



Veteran Institute
for Procurement

The [Veteran Institute for Procurement \(VIP\)](#) will open its doors at the Clark Building in Bethesda on September 10. This training program for veteran owned businesses is sponsored by the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation and is offered *free* to attendees. The goal is to help veteran owned businesses win more government contracts by offering them training in Best Business Practices by experts in critical areas of business operations and management. Experts from the MCCC GovConNet Council will serve as [instructors](#). To learn more about VIP and to register, [click here](#).

Planning Director to Meet with Chamber Land Use Committee



[Montgomery County Planning](#) Director Rollin Stanley will meet with the Chamber's Transportation and Land Use Committee on Tuesday, September 8th at 8:30am. Mr. Stanley has served as the Director of Planning since February of 2008 and will oversee several major initiatives in 2009 and 2010 including three important Master Plans, a new annual growth policy, and a rewrite of the zoning ordinance, all of which will have a significant impact on future development in Montgomery County. Please join us for what will be an interesting discussion about the future of Montgomery County. To RSVP, e-mail MCCC Vice President of Public Affairs, Lisa Fadden at lfadden@mcccmd.com

Purple Line News



On Tuesday, August 4th, Governor Martin O'Malley announced the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the "Purple Line", a long anticipated East/West link between Bethesda and New Carrollton. The Montgomery County Chamber has advocated for this project for over a decade, and the selection of this LPA is a major step forward toward the Purple Line receiving federal funds. The Chamber will continue to advocate as the project moves through the Federal process and will continue to keep you updated as we need your help reaching out to our Maryland Congressional Delegation.

Photos from Maryland Association of Counties Conference

Again this August, Maryland Government officials gathered in Ocean City to share best practices and to network. Held this year from August 12 through the 15th, the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) conference is an annual tradition of Maryland leaders.



MCCC Board Member Josh Bokee of Comcast and Montgomery County Councilmember Mike Knapp have an opportunity to talk at a Montgomery County dinner hosted by MCCC member Ellen Bogage of EB&A.



Montgomery County Delegation Chairman Brian Feldman and Delegate Jim Mathias of Ocean City pose with MCCC

VP of Public Affairs, Lisa Fadden at the Convention Center.



Montgomery County Director of Economic Development Steve Silverman addresses a group of MACO attendees on the impact of transportation on Economic Development.

Save the Date!

New & Prospective Member Orientation

Thursday, September 10, 2009

8:30am - 10:30am, MCCC Board Room

After Hours

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

5:30pm - 7:00pm, Clyde's at Tower Oaks Lodge

MCCC Business Awards Dinner

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

6:00pm - 9:00pm, Bethesda North Conference Center

36th Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon

Friday, March 12, 2010

11:00am - 2:00pm, Bethesda North Conference Center

Visit www.mccc.md.com for more details.

New and Renewing Members

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[THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBERS](#)