



Chamber In The News

March 9, 2009

Here is the latest news from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce:

Chamber Joins Councilmember Mike Knapp for Press Conference on Scholarship Initiative



(Pictured: Gigi Godwin, MCCC President & CEO, speaks at Councilmember Knapp's press conference on scholarship initiatives. L-to-R: Dr. Stewart Edelstein, Vice Chair, MCCC Education & Workforce Preparation Committee, Executive Director, The Universities At Shady Grove; Gigi Godwin; Councilmember Mike Knapp, Montgomery County Council; Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools; Dr. Brit Kirwan, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland; and Dr. Brian K. Johnson, President, Montgomery College)

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gigi Godwin, joined County Councilmember Mike Knapp at a press conference on Monday, February 23 to announce support of the Councilmember's "Area of Needs" scholarship bills. The two bills will provide a Workforce Investment Scholarship program to award up to four-year scholarships to undergraduate students at Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove pursuing degrees in high demand fields of study; and create programs for teacher education and training.

[Please click here to see a copy of the Chamber's Press Release on this event.](#)

Congressman Chris Van Hollen Addresses the Chamber Board of Directors



(Pictured: Congressman Chris Van Hollen addresses members of the MCCC Board of Directors)

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen spoke at the Chamber's Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, March 4. Congressman Van Hollen addressed the President's Economic Recovery Package and the impact it will have on the State of Maryland and Montgomery County. The Board asked questions on a wide range of topics including rising healthcare costs and their effect on competitive advantage; concern about the number of procurement officers in place to manage the increased funding, while at the same time the Inspector General's Office calls for more transparency and accountability in spending; and funding for County transportation initiatives.

In response to an inquiry about transit funding, Congressman Van Hollen supported the Chamber's long-standing position on the need to protect transportation funds. He stated that when Federal funds do become available for County transportation projects such as the Purple Line and the CCT, the State had better have the matching funds available to proceed with the projects. If State funds aren't available, Maryland will not qualify to receive Federal funding. Chamber President Gigi Godwin was in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 24 to testify in support of the Transportation Trust Fund Protection Act (HB-140/SB-894), sponsored by Montgomery County Delegate Brian Feldman, which addresses that very issue.

Sold Out

35th Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon

Date: Friday, March 20, 2009

Reception: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Award Ceremony and Luncheon: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful event. Look for a complete recap of the luncheon next month.



2009 Congressional Procurement

Conference & Expo

Honorary Chair: US Representative Chris Van Hollen

Wednesday May 13, 2009

The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Conference Center , Bldg. II
Rockville , MD 20850

Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 Opening Ceremonies
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Procurement & Educational Sessions
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch & Expo



(Pictured: 2008 Congressional Procurement Conference)

Connect with Federal, state and local procurement officials and more than 500 business leaders at the 2009 Congressional Procurement Conference. Learn how to grow your government contracting business from the top decision makers at government agencies and prime contractors. Network with more than 500 customers, suppliers and business partners during the morning sessions and at the afternoon expo. Representatives from virtually every industry sector will be in attendance.

Boost your visibility to prime contractors and government contractors through a booth at the afternoon Expo.

Chamber After Hours

Wednesday, March 25

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Gordon Biersch
200 East Middle Lane , Unit A
Rockville , MD 20850
phone: 301-340-7159

Join the MCCC for a fun evening of networking as we Spring into a new season of business development opportunities

at Gordon Biersch in Rockville Town Square .

Cost: Free to members, \$40 to non-members

Contact: Linda Ekizian, 301-738-0015 ext. 241, lekizian@mcccmd.com

[Click here to register](#)

There Are Many Ways to Get Involved

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports policies that will ensure our community's global economic competitiveness into the future. The policy priorities of the Montgomery County Chamber are set by the decisions of our four major policy committees: Economic Development Committee and Education and Workforce Preparation; Legislative Affairs; Small Business Committee; Transportation and Land Use.

[Click here for a schedule of upcoming committees and get involved today!](#)

[WELCOME NEW MEMBERS](#)

[THANKS TO RENEWING MEMBERS](#)

Board Members In The News

Michael Bowlds, President of Mountaintop Marketing Group in Silver Spring , named a “2009 Maryland Business Champion” by the Gazette.

Sterling Crockett, Chairman and CEO of Sterling Construction Services Inc. in Rockville was recognized by Washington Business Journal as one of the Washington region's top minority business owners and leaders.

SAVE THESE DATES:

G= GovConNet

Wednesday, March 25 - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Chamber After Hours (Gordon Biersch)

Thursday, April 23 - 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Join the MCCC for the next New Member Orientation (MCCC Board Room)

G Wednesday May 13 - 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 2009 GovConNet Congressional Procurement Conference & Expo (The Universities at Shady Grove)

Thursday, June 4 - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. MCCC 50th Annual Dinner (Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center)

G Tuesday, June 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon - GovConNet Prime Opportunities with Lockheed Martin (The Universities at Shady Grove)

Monday, July 20 – Golf Tournament (Lakewood Country Club)

For more information on these and other Chamber events, visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountychamber.com