



Chamber In The News

May 1, 2009

Steve Silverman Speaks at April Board Meeting



(Pictured L to R: James Whang, MCCC Board Chair; Steve Silverman, MC Director of Economic Development; Gigi Godwin, MCCC President and CEO; and Bill Eisig, MCCC Board Chair-Elect)

On April 29th, MCCC Board members and guests heard newly appointed Montgomery County Director of Economic Development (DED) Steve Silverman share his vision for economic growth and development in Montgomery County.

“We’re in this together. The question is whether or not government is capable of reacting quickly and effectively to assist the business community.”

Highlights of his remarks:

- This is the time for bold and industry specific ideas
- The County is increasing both the percentage and the total dollars for the Local Small Business Reserve procurement program
- DED is reaching out to the Federal agencies in the County to make sure they stay and expand here
- DED will have \$4.3 million annually for each of the next three years for a weatherizing program and is seeking companies to implement it
- DED is working with Park & Planning to remove obstacles for companies to locate and/or expand here

- Steve wants honest feedback on how DED is, or is not, supporting our business community

Finally, he agreed to join the Chamber's efforts, working with Congressman Chris Van Hollen and County Executive Ike Leggett, to aggressively pursue locating the new Federal Climate Services, Carbon Tax and Broadband Project Management offices here in Montgomery County.



2009 Congressional Procurement Conference and Expo

Honorary Chair: Congressman Chris Van Hollen

Wednesday, May 13, 2009
Universities at Shady Grove · Rockville, MD

Capture Your Share of \$787 Billion in Stimulus Dollars and Record Procurement Spending!

Connect with 15 federal agencies, state and local procurement officials, and primes. Attend up to 30 workshops led by industry experts about procurement opportunities and resources. Network with representatives from almost every industry sector at the Expo. Reach more than 500 customers, suppliers and business leaders and learn how to grow your government contracting business.

Featured Speakers:

(Reserve your seats)

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

[Mr. Jan R. Frye](#)

Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Acquisition and Logistics
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

[Ms. Casey Coleman](#)

Chief Information Officer
US General Services Administration

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[Mr. David A. Drabkin](#)

Acting Chief Acquisition Officer
US General Services Administration

Confirmed Workshop Presenters:

Defense Intelligence Agency

Sherry Baldwin, Director, Office of Small Business Programs

Department of Commerce

DiJon F. Ferdinand, Contracting Officer, Census Bureau
Larry Frazier, Small Business Specialists, NOAA

Department of Defense

Pam Monroe, Deputy Director, OSDBU

Department of Energy

Sterling Nichols, Program Manager, Business and Community Development

Department of Homeland Security

Kevin Boshears, Director, OSDBU

Food and Drug Administration

Lee Cohen, Associate Director, Acquisition, OAGS

NIH

Jonathan Ferguson, Small Business Specialists Supporting NIH
Nydia Sagna, Small Business Specialists Supporting NIH

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Donald King, Chief, Contract Management Branch, Division of Contracts

SBA

Eugene Cornelius, Jr. District Director

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Anthony Bell, Chief, Small Business Office

USAID

Mauricio Vera, Director, OSDBU Council

USDA

Estela M. Diaz, Business Industry Specialist, MRP Small Business Coordinator (APC) for Government
Purchase Card, USDA, APHIS, MRP BS, ASD, PPSB
Linda Epstein, SDVOSB Program Manager,
Rural Small Business

Montgomery County

David Dise, Director, Department of General Services
Harold Adams, Department of General Services, LSBRP
Steve Silverman, Director, DED
Katie Knowlin, Assistant Director, DED

State of Maryland

State Stimulus

Catapult Technology, Ltd.

Barry Kane, President

Deltek

Steve Windley, Director, WJ Technologies
Joseph Greeves, Partner, Cordia Partners
TBS Technology & Business Services

IBM

Michael Littlejohn, Vice-President, Global Business Division

Lockheed Martin

John Zuccaro, Manager, Supplier Programs, IS&GS

Aronson & Company

Pete O'Neill, Director

Jennifer Aubel, Analyst

Rhonda Gaydos, CPA/Consultant

Clark Construction

Wesley Stith, Vice President

Mountaintop Marketing Group

Michael Bowlds, President

PilieroMazza

Pam Mazza, Partner

Venable

Rob Burton, Partner, Venable Government Contracts Group

Watkins, Meegan, Drury & Company

Rebecca Kehoe, Senior Government

Contracts Consultant

Schedule of Events:

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Networking

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Featured Speaker

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Workshops

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Featured Speaker

12:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Expo & Lunch

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50th ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER
Thursday, June 4, 2009

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road
North Bethesda, MD

Reception
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner & Awards Ceremony
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Business Attire

You are cordially invited to attend The MCCC 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner. Nearly 800 guests comprised of corporate leaders and elected officials will help us celebrate this very special occasion. Please join us as we:

- Welcome our new Chairman of the Board, William Eisig of BDO Seidman, LLP;
- Honor our outgoing Chairman, Dr. James S. Whang;
- Present the Legislator of the Year Award to US Congressman Chris Van Hollen;
- Inaugurate the Visionary Award - Presented to an individual with the “creativity and perseverance to innovate, who embodies a generosity of spirit and has the passion to envision a place in which future generations can flourish and prosper in Montgomery County, Maryland;” and
- Install our Board of Directors for the coming year and thank those who served this past year.

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Board Members In The News

The Gazette of Politics and Business has just published their 2009 list of "25 CEOs You Need to Know." Four of the winning CEOs are MCCC Directors and Members.

The winners were chosen from more than 150 nominations, sent in by economic development offices from across the state, and selected based on their ability to effectively execute their business strategy, inspire others to follow their vision and run successful businesses, and also give back to their community. Our congratulations go to:

Sterling Crockett

Chairman and CEO, [Sterling Construction Services](#) in Rockville and Vice-Chair, MCCC Small Business Committee and a Strategic Partner

Suzan Jenkins

CEO, [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County](#) in Silver Spring and member of the MCCC Advisory Board

Randy J. Slager

CEO, Chairman and Founder, [Catapult Technology](#) in Bethesda and an MCCC GovConNet Partner

Jonathan K. Wilber

CEO, [Master Key Consulting](#) in Bethesda and MCCC member

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 and Education and Workforce Preparation Committee; Legislative Affairs; Small Business Committee; and Transportation and Land Use.

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

Upcoming Events . . .

Register Now:

Thursday, May 7 - 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. [New & Prospective Member Orientation](#) (MCCC Board Room)

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

Wednesday, May 27 - 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. [Chamber After Hours](#) - directly following the MCCC Board of Directors Meeting (Smokey Glen Farm)

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)

Save the Date:

Monday, July 20 – Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation Golf Tournament (Lakewood Country Club)

G = GovConNet

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