



Chamber in the News

September 2, 2009



On the eve of the eight-year anniversary of 9/11, the **Veteran Institute for Procurement** will open its doors to thirty-eight veteran-owned businesses to learn the tools necessary to succeed in securing government contracts. VIP is the first initiative of the **Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation (MCCCF)** in conjunction with the **GovConNet Council** of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Council members Barry Kane of [Catapult Technology](#) and John Zuccaro of [Lockheed Martin](#) championed this initiative and developed the 6-session VIP curriculum. GovConNet Council members will offer their expertise as course [presenters](#). MCCCF President **Barbara Ashe** says, “The enthusiasm of our [sponsors](#), veteran-owned businesses and the GovConNet council has made it clear that the time is right for VIP.” A graduation ceremony on **November 19** will be followed by a reception. Visit www.mccc.md.com for more information.

MCCC Business Awards Talent Search Nears Completion



"This Chamber's Got Talent" is the theme of the MCCC Business Awards Dinner and Reception. MCCC Board Member and Event Chair Trevor Garner, M&T Bank developed the idea from TV shows like *American Idol* and *America's Got Talent*. "Any business community needs talent to succeed and this event is the Chamber's way to shine a spotlight on our leaders." Award winners will be announced in the coming days. The event takes place from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM on November 11 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

MD State Senator Madaleno to Attend MCCC's next Legislative Committee Meeting



On Friday, September 18th, at 8:00 A.M., Maryland State Senator Rich Madaleno will join members of the Montgomery County Chamber's Legislative Committee to discuss important issues regarding Maryland's tax and budget policies. Senator Madaleno represents District 18 in the Maryland State Senate and serves as Chairman of the Montgomery County Senate Delegation. He'll review the current state of the budget and discuss tax issues that will directly impact our members' bottom line. Please email or call VP of Public Affairs Lisa Fadden, lfadden@mcccmd.com if you'd like to attend.

MCCC to Host Joint Committee Meeting on September 16th



The Montgomery County Chamber's Education and Workforce and Small Business Committees will host a joint meeting on Wednesday September 16th at 8:00 A.M. This month's topic is how to attract and retain employees through workplace culture and other benefits. Examples of employee benefit programs include health and wellness, flextime and telecommuting, among others. We'll have three distinguished guests who have implemented these programs in their own companies to share best practices in employee retention:



Sue Healey, President and CEO, [MyEyeDr.](#)

Ed Woods, President, [TerpSys](#)

Jackie Asencio, President, [C2 Portfolio](#)

We hope you'll join us for what should be a very robust discussion. Please RSVP to MCCC VP of Public Affairs, Lisa Fadden at lfadden@mccc.md.com

Save the Dates!

New & Prospective Member Orientation

Thursday, September 10, 2009
8:30am - 10:30am, MCCC Board Room

MCCC 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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