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DEVELOPMENT (MED) WEEK



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LETTER FROM MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA

Happy Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in Philadelphia! We are proud of the diverse businesses offering goods and services across our city. Our talented multicultural business owners strengthen neighborhoods and drive our economy forward. This year marks the 39th anniversary of MED Week. For nearly four decades now, MED Week has provided minority-owned businesses with supportive connections and the resources that help them grow while celebrating their impactful contributions.

Our administration continues to promote economic opportunities for diverse business owners. The Department of Commerce Office of Economic Opportunity, spearheading MED Week, is dedicated to increasing partnerships that support the capacity for businesses to become prime contractors in City projects. Great news! In comparison to Fiscal Year 2021, the City spent \$71.5 million more in Fiscal Year 2022, a sign of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic's effect on the city's economy. Through the City's Rebuild initiative — made possible by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax — we've committed hundreds of millions of dollars to improve our parks, recreation centers, playgrounds, and libraries. Nearly 60 percent of Rebuild's contract dollars are going to minority or women-owned businesses.

Philadelphia has emerged from the pandemic in a strong position to grow an economy that works for all Philadelphians. Our administration is also leveraging funds from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to launch a new partnership with the public and private sector aimed at boosting efforts to grow wealth in black and brown communities. Business owners are encouraged to attend the more than 40 events offered during MED Week and learn more about these growth opportunities in Philadelphia.

MED Week is an opportunity to support our local businesses so that they can grow and thrive. With the support of the Philadelphia Department of Commerce and in collaboration with stakeholders such as administrators, policy makers, and professional organizations— our administration will continue to build stronger, more inclusive and equitable economic opportunities for all Philadelphians.

Learn more and register for events throughout MED Week: phila.gov/med-week

Sincerely,



Jim Kenney

Mayor

City of Philadelphia

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Welcome to the 39th Annual Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in Philadelphia offering more than 40 workshops and events to help businesses grow, while celebrating their outstanding achievements. The City of Philadelphia is dedicated to building a stronger, more inclusive and equitable economy with opportunities for all Philadelphians. The 39th Annual MED Week in Philadelphia is spearheaded by the Department of Commerce Office of Economic Opportunity in partnership with economic development partners citywide. MED Week is a national observance that recognizes the outstanding achievements of Minority Business Enterprises.

Minority Enterprise Development Week equips minority-, women-, and disabled-owned businesses with the practical skills, resources and tools they need to thrive in Philadelphia. This year's MED Week brings subject matter experts, local community organizations, and City departments together to share essential knowledge on everything from how to market your business, manage merchandise efficiently to financial investments. Over the last decade, the Office of Economic Opportunity has hosted monthly events for business owners to learn how to take advantage of public contracting opportunities and grow generational wealth. The 39th Annual Minority Enterprise Development Week is part of these key initiatives dedicated to igniting business success.

Our 39th Annual MED Week Theme: "It's an Entrepreneur Thing: Shattering Barriers and Igniting Success" promotes that all Americans are needed to build the country's economy. We are dedicated to breaking down obstacles, shattering barriers and igniting success for all small businesses that kindle a robust economy. We will continue to celebrate the rich cultures and talents of diverse business owners in Philadelphia while helping them grow with opportunities. Knowledge is a wellspring that can guide businesses to lay long-lasting foundations for generations to come.

The Office of Economic Opportunity focuses its efforts on economic inclusion for diverse enterprises. Not only will MED Week celebrate the value of Minority-, Women-, Disabled-Owned Business Enterprises (M/W/DSBE) but it will also highlight the work of Office of Economic Opportunity staff, City departments, and the network of stakeholders who help M/W/DSBE firms access billions of dollars in contracts across the region. As we continue the road towards inclusive economic recovery, it is critical that everything is done to ensure local diverse firms have a fair and equitable opportunity to grow their businesses.

Join us in celebrating and empowering inclusive economic growth, not only during MED Week, but throughout the year. We look forward to recognizing the heritage of diverse businesses in Philadelphia and their significant contributions to our economy. Learn more about the more than 40 events and workshops this year:

phila.gov/med-week.

Thank you,



Lynn Newsome

Deputy, Commerce Director



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The Philadelphia City Fund and The City of Philadelphia's Office of Economic Opportunity

Independence Blue Cross (Independence) is proud to sponsor the **39th Annual Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week)** and recognizes the **Philadelphia City Fund** for enabling innovative projects that enhance the lives of all Philadelphians.

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2023 MED WEEK KICKOFF

BREAKFAST + AWARDS CEREMONY AGENDA



National Constitution Center,
525 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19106

8:00AM -
12:00PM

Viewing the Signers Hall and Exhibits

Civil War and Reconstruction: The Battle for Freedom and Equality

The 19th Amendment: How Women Won the Vote

8:00AM -
9:20AM

Registration, Networking + Breakfast

9:30AM

Welcome & Remarks

Lynn Newsome, Deputy Commerce Director, Office of Economic Opportunity (Remarks)

City Council (MED Week Resolution)

Keynote Speaker

Catherine Hicks, Philadelphia NAACP President

Remarks from Mayor Jim Kenney

Awards Ceremony

Kickoff Breakfast Closing Remarks

Lynn Newsome, Deputy Commerce Director

11:00AM

Office of Economic Opportunity MED Week Workshop Practitioners Panel Discussion: Minority and Women Business Enterprise Programs

Solomon Wheeler, Eastern Pennsylvania District Office-Harrisburg PA Branch

Zamir Ben-Dan, Temple University

Dr. Andre Perry, The Brookings Institution

Wendell Whitlock, Progress Investment Associates (PIA)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

CATHERINE HICKS, PHILADELPHIA NAACP PRESIDENT



Catherine Hicks was raised in the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia and received her education through the public school system. During her high school years, Catherine often worked in the office where she was introduced to the communications field, often making the school announcements on their broadcast system. Catherine's first position after high school was working for a marketing and promotion company specializing in movie and concert promotions. There she was introduced to radio broadcast creating commercials for movie theaters and concerts in and around the Philadelphia area. Catherine furthered her education attending LaSalle University where she majored in communications. Catherine would later marry and join her then husband as co-founder of HDA (Hicks Drycleaning Association) and Impress Dry Cleaners. While married, she would go on to co-own and operate four successful dry-cleaning establishments in the Philadelphia area.

Catherine later became employed by some of the region's largest Healthcare providers (HMA and Keystone Mercy) where she was able to fine tune her communications skills. In 2000 Catherine took the position as Director of Project Management and Communications in the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office. There she was responsible for overseeing all internal and external press related material, establishing relationships with television media, radio and news publications. Catherine would also monitor all website content and updates. She was instrumental in the development and implementation of outreach programs on Foreclosure Prevention, Sheriff Sale Seminars and community assistance programs.

In 2012 Catherine joined the Philadelphia Sunday Sun as their Public Relations Consultant. Her duties included, establishing new relationships with businesses, social and political affiliates through community and social events. Developing PR strategies for promotion and marketing of new and existing clients, establishing stories of interest to promote expanding the overall readership and web traffic. In addition, Catherine was co-producer of the weekly broadcast radio news show, Freedom Quest hosted by the late J. Whyatt Mondesire, who was also founder and publisher of the Philadelphia Sunday SUN. As co-producer Catherine would identify public interest topics and guest featured on the show.

In 2015, Catherine took over as Publisher and Co-owner of the Philadelphia Sunday SUN after the untimely death of its founder. Along with her partner Joseph Mondesire, Catherine oversees the publication, material and content for the weekly newspaper. She is committed to continuing the legacy of her predecessor by producing a quality news source benefitting the community at large and expanding its resources through digital and social media sites.

On July 17, 2021, Catherine was elected President of the Philadelphia Branch NAACP, the second female to hold the position. The NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. As president, Catherine vows to increase the branch membership, uphold the constitution and bylaws of the office and to insure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and eliminate race-based discrimination.

Catherine's lifetime achievement is not measured by her community activism, entrepreneurial spirit or her successful business ventures, but by her undying love and devotion for her family and extended family. Raised in a loving environment with five siblings that are supportive of all her endeavors, enabled her to rear two bright and beautiful daughters...who in turn have blessed her with five beautiful and talented grandchildren. Catherine devotes her spare time to the organizations and civic groups she belongs to. The Philadelphia Chapter of NAACP, African American Chamber of Commerce, PA Democratic State Party, Pen and Pencil Club, National Press Club, PhillyCam, The Philadelphia Association of Black Journalist, Philadelphia Film Society, Philadelphia Black Public Relations Society, Philadelphia Community of Leaders, Black Women's Leadership Council, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and The National Federation of Black Veterans Network.

MED WEEK 2023

AWARDEES

Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week is a national observance that recognizes the outstanding achievements of minority business owners. These MED Week 2023 awards are provided by the co-chaired by the City of Philadelphia's Department of Commerce, African American Chamber of Commerce of PA, NJ, and DE, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Independence Business Alliance (Greater Philadelphia's LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce).

Melonease Shaw

Founder and CEO, Maven, Inc.

Awarded by the: African American Chamber of Commerce PA, NJ, & DE

Melonease Shaw with more than 30 years of enterprise experience, has served as a senior executive level in a company that generated more than \$80 million in annual revenue. In 2004, she started her own firm, Maven, Inc. where she serves as Founder and Chief Executive Officer. Maven, Inc. is a certified-owned and operated minority and woman-owned business and solutions firm headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. Maven specializes in uniting major corporations, diverse small businesses, community organizations, elected and appointed officials, and Federal, State, and Local government agencies. Maven, Inc. is proficient in government relations, business development, community and constituency outreach, public affairs campaigns, and grassroots organizing, and coalition building. Ms. Shaw has turned Maven into a major player in the lobbying, community engagement, and business development fields.

Bon Heng

Director of Operations, Century Home Care LLC

Awarded by the: Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia

After graduating from Penn State University with a Supply Chain Management degree, Bon Heng had zero knowledge about the healthcare industry, however, the joy he received from helping people has given him the fuel and determination to keep moving forward and overcome any obstacles he has encountered. Century Home Care is a client-first company that started with 4 employees in 2019, then 58 employees in 2020. Now, Century Home Care has close to 300 employees. This is due to the rapidly growing reputation that Century Home Care has as a quality home care agency. They provide genuine care to clients in their community. The team is equipped to not only provide caregiver service but also other assistance such as PECO bills, Liheap-low income program, and citizenship application.

Jennifer Gomez Hardy, Esquire

Founding Partner, Gomez Law Group

Awarded by the: Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Jennifer Gomez Hardy is the Founding Partner of the Gomez Law Group which is a boutique firm practicing in Pennsylvania and New Jersey fighting for everyday people. She is a fearless Personal Injury litigator with top tier law firm experience and a passion for helping victims who suffer from injuries resulting from the negligence of others. She strives not only to obtain the highest possible recovery for her clients, but to provide them with thorough and vigorous representation. In July 2018, she started her personal injury firm with approximately 13 cases and quickly grew her firm to over 100 cases in less than 2 years. She celebrated 5 years in July 2023 despite the challenges during the pandemic.

Jordan Williams

Sophomore, Cheyney University

Awarded by the: The Business Center

Jordan Williams is a Sophomore who attends Cheyney University of Pennsylvania on a full scholarship. She will be a junior this upcoming fall 2023 majoring in Hotel Restaurant, and Tourism Management (HRTM). Once she finishes undergrad, Jordan will earn a bachelor's degree in Hotel Restaurant, and Tourism Management, which was not her original major. She started her Freshman year majoring in Business Administration, which she soon felt was not her chosen academic career path for her. Even if that was not the chosen one, Jordan knew she wanted to be involved with elements that surrounded business as well as travel the world. At The Business Center (TBC), she gained more knowledge about the business aspect of being an entrepreneur as well as networking with different leaders to understand how to make her impact throughout the world.

Aliya Hammond

President and CEO, Aliya Hammond Consulting, LLC

Awarded by the: Women Business Enterprise Center

Aliya Hammond is a social media strategist, trainer, blogger, and speaker. She specializes in social media management, marketing, and social media training for small and large businesses, entrepreneurs, busy executives, and non-profit organizations. She is also the founder of Aliya Hammond Consulting, working alongside a fantastic team of professional Social Media Marketers, Graphic Designers, Website Developers, Videographers, and Writers. Prior to moving her career into the virtual world of social media, Aliya worked for a number of years in the Interior Design field and taught Interior Design at two major universities. Aliya's background in design gives her clients a competitive edge when it comes to branding graphic images and messages shared on her client's social media networks.

Craig T. Williams

Founder, Pride Enterprises, Inc.

Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Agency

Equipped with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Syracuse University, and with over 30 years of personal experience in the industry, CEO, Craig Williams, established Pride Enterprises Inc, as a small construction company in 1996. Emerging from his family's business of entrepreneurs where he began his journey working as a laborer in the family business. Craig got his start by working for his uncle during semester breaks at Syracuse and later moved on to help cultivate a new family business when his father made the acute decision to leave Corporate America and develop his own construction organization.

As Pride's reputation crescendos, Williams has made a series of wise investments in complementary pieces of businesses, conveying a unique knack for entrepreneurship. American Power, now in its second year of operation, is Williams' electrical supply business, a logical extension of the construction industry that directly supports Pride's ever-more-ambitious assignments. The company's transformation of a warehouse purchased in the American Power acquisition has given the family business an epicenter of leading-edge technology, priming Pride Enterprises for continued success. His latest venture, The Williams Group, serves as the development division of Pride Enterprises.

Marc Coleman

**Founding President/ Chief Executive Officer , The Tactile Group
Independence Business Alliance, Greater Philadelphia's LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce**

Marc Coleman is an innovative leader who knows the power of teamwork. He inspires collaboration by building intentionally diverse and effective teams of designers, programmers, and other IT-professionals to meet the specific needs of clients. A highly motivated serial entrepreneur, Marc has more than two decades of experience in creative direction, design, strategy, business development, management, and client relations. With a diverse staff of 34 in 2023, the firm's mission states "Designed to give a damn, we actively seek work whose goal is to improve the quality of life for all people."

The company's clients include the US Department of Education, NASA, and The Philadelphia International Airport. The Tactile Group partners with government, enterprise, and non-profit organizations to translate their ethical policies and business requirements into data-driven outcomes. Their capabilities include Software Development (DevSecOps), Technical Assistance, Data collection and visualization, Content Management and Strategy, and Adaptive Project Management. Their clients include The US Department of Education, NASA, and The Philadelphia International Airport.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PRACTITIONER PANEL

Practitioner panel discussion on the Future of Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise Programs after the Harvard Admissions ruling by the United States Supreme Court.

Meet the Panelists



Solomon Wheeler
Branch Manager/SBDC Project Officer, Eastern Pennsylvania District Office-Harrisburg PA Branch

Solomon Wheeler is currently the Harrisburg Branch Manager for the US Small Business Administration's Eastern Pennsylvania office. He works with local and regional banks, chambers of commerce, small business development centers, and economic development organizations to promote US SBA loan guarantee programs, federal contracting opportunities, and technical assistance programs.

Solomon joined the Eastern PA district office as a Lender Relations Specialist in 2013 and has over 20 combined years in commercial lending, small business development, and corporate finance. During his tenure, he also served as the project manager for the SBA's Emerging Leaders program, a nationwide initiative in the form of a mini-MBA program for small business owners.

He previously served as a Business Opportunity Specialist for the 8 (a) Division of Program Certification and Eligibility. Prior to that, he served as the Finance Director for The Business Center for Entrepreneurship (Philadelphia), a business development and technical assistance organization. He has worked as a commercial lender (Wachovia), finance manager (Coca-Cola), and corporate Senior Auditor (Unisys). He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Jefferson University and a master's degree in finance and international business from the University of Pittsburgh.



Zamir Ben-Dan
Assistant Professor of Law, Temple University

Zamir Ben-Dan joined the Temple Law faculty in the Fall of 2022. His research interests and emerging scholarship lie in the intersections of criminal law, race and the law, and American history. He earned his associate degree from Rockland Community College in December 2009, his bachelor's degree from Baruch College in May 2012, and his law degree from CUNY School of Law in May 2015. While in his first semester of law school, he served as the interim Director of Forensics at Rockland Community College, coaching the debate team to success within its respective league. In his final year of law school, he served as president of the moot court team.

After graduating law school, Zamir joined the Legal Aid Society in New York City as a staff attorney in the Bronx Criminal Trial Practice. Over the next four years, he represented hundreds of clients on both felony and misdemeanor matters, and he won most of his trials. In 2017, he was a founding member of the Black Attorneys of Legal Aid caucus (BALA), an amalgamation of over 100 Black Legal Aid lawyers that advocates for racial justice both within and without the Legal

Aid Society. He served in BALA leadership for nearly five years. In 2019, he joined the Community Justice Unit, where he provided wrap-around legal services to participants in non-profit organizations that do Cure Violence work. Also in 2019, Zamir began an adjunct professorship in the Black and Latino Studies Department at Baruch College, where he would teach for five semesters. He taught as an adjunct in CUNY Law's first-year lawyering program for full-time students in the 2020-2021 academic year. He then served as the interim director of the program the following academic year, creating the simulation, writing the syllabi, and designing the curriculum for over 150 full-time students. He created a practitioner course through the National Association for Public Defense called "Warrior Motion Practice," teaching a methodical approach to creative motion writing as a means of addressing social wrongs. He taught the course several times in 2021 and 2022.



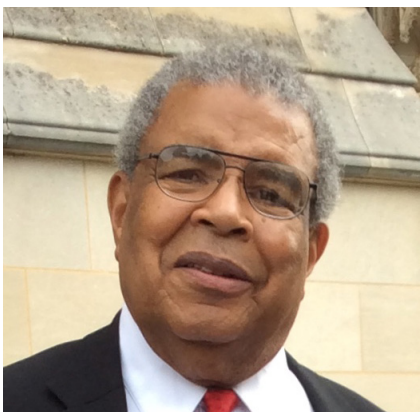
Dr. Andre Perry

David M. Rubenstein Fellow in the Metropolitan Policy Program The Brookings Institution

Dr. Andre Perry's research focuses on race and structural inequality, education, and economic inclusion. Of particular note, Perry's recent scholarship at Brookings has analyzed majority-black places and institutions in America, focusing on highlighting valuable assets worthy of increased investment. Prior to his work at Brookings, Perry has been a founding dean, professor, award-winning journalist, and activist in the field of education. In 2015, Perry served on Louisiana Governor-elect John Bel Edwards's K-12 education transition committee, as well as New Orleans Mayor-elect Mitch Landrieu's transition team

as its co-chair for education in 2010. In 2013, Perry founded the College of Urban Education at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, MI. Preceding his stint in Michigan, he was an associate professor of educational leadership at the University of New Orleans and served as CEO of the Capital One-University of New Orleans Charter Network.

Perry's academic writings have concentrated on race, structural inequality, and urban schools. For the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Perry co-authored *School by School: The Transformation of New Orleans Public Education* in "Resilience and Opportunity: Lessons from the U.S. Gulf Coast after Katrina and Rita," published by Brookings Institution Press. Perry also co-authored in "The Transformation of New Orleans Public Schools: Addressing System-Level Problems without a System," published by the Data Center of New Orleans. He also co-authored the chapter *Between Public and Private: Politics, Governance, and the New Portfolio Models for Urban School Reform* published on Harvard University Press. Along with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, Perry co-authored the report, *PLACE MATTERS for Health in Orleans Parish: Ensuring Opportunities for Good Health for All*. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Perry earned his Ph.D. in education policy and leadership from the University of Maryland College Park.



Wendell Whitlock

Board Chair Emeritus, Progress Investment Associates (PIA)

Board Chair Emeritus, Progress Investment Associates (PIA), the parent company of Sullivan Progress Plaza. His tenure as PIA Board Chair was from 1994 through 2016. In addition, he was the former CEO of Progress Trust, Inc., the nonprofit entity, and developer of the renovated Sullivan Progress Plaza, completed in 2010. BS from Cheyney State College; MBA from University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. Extensive management consulting experience at all organizational levels within corporate, nonprofit, and governmental entities; with a sustaining record of excellence in human resource management, organizational design, conflict resolution, and government

relations. During Wendell's tenure as Board Chair, he proudly hosted both then Presidential candidate Barack Obama and a few years later First Lady Michelle Obama at Sullivan Progress Plaza.

MED WEEK

EVENT SCHEDULE

KICKOFF EVENTS

02
MONDAY

9:00AM - 11:00AM
MED Week Kickoff Breakfast

11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practitioners Panel Discussion:
The Future of MBE/WBE Programs

02
MONDAY

3:00PM - 5:00PM
Diversity in Airport Concessions

6:00PM - 7:00PM
Fundamentals of Marketing


03
TUESDAY

11:00AM - 12:00PM
What Business Owners Need to Know: Keynote Saves and Wealth Planning

12:00PM - 1:00PM
SBA Programs and Services

12:30PM - 5:00PM
Most Diverse Tech Hub Pitch Competition

6:00PM - 7:30PM
Entrepreneurial Spirit Unleashed: Crushing Limits, Achieving Victory



04

WEDNESDAY

8:30AM - 12:00PM

Unlocking the Path - A More Equitable Philadelphia

9:00AM - 11:00AM

Credit Dynamics: The Relationship Between Personal & Business Credit Growth/Las Dinamicas Del Credito

9:00AM - 12:30PM

Real Estate & Facilities 2023 Contracting Opportunities Information Session

9:30AM - 11:00AM

The Making of a PhillyPreneur: The Journey of Asian-American Business Owners

10:30AM - 12:00PM

MythBusters - Demystifying Procurement with Anchor Institutions

12:00PM - 1:00PM

ImpactPHL Conversations: Catalyzing Effect of Impact Investment Capital in Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and How to Deploy More

1:00PM - 2:30PM

Work for Yourself - Start a Business

1:00PM - 2:30PM

ChatGPT - Revolutionize Your Business Strategy

3:00PM - 5:00PM

Estructure y Seguridad para las Mujeres Empresarias Modernas - Structure and Security for Modern Women Business Owners

4:00PM - 5:00PM

Pivoting to Procurement: Certifications

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Philly Gets Back in the Black Pitch Competition

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Cocktails & Conversation - Presented by the WBEC-East Women of Color Committee

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Doing Business with PHA

05

THURSDAY

8:30AM - 10:00AM

Community Coffee with the Independence Business Alliance

9:00AM - 4:30PM

Visual Marketing for Small Business

05

THURSDAY

- 10:00AM - 12:00PM
Business Financial Course, Get Support: Panel and Networking
- 10:00AM - 11:00PM
Business Ownership through Franchising
- 11:00AM - 2:00PM
PGW Presents: Breaking Entrepreneurial Barriers over Brunch
- 1:00PM - 2:30PM
TBC's Health & Beauty Accelerator Program
- 1:00PM - 2:30PM
Grants and Capital Opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises
- 1:00PM - 3:30PM
Kick Off: The Business Center's Health & Beauty Program
- 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Sustainable Construction 101: Breaking into Green Building and Clean Energy
- 2:00PM - 4:00PM
Sparking Connections to Ignite Success!
- 4:30PM - 7:00PM
Build Latino Industry Forum
- 5:30PM - 6:30PM
A Demolition Program Resources Fair
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM
SBN Open House at the Close School of Entrepreneurship

06

FRIDAY

- 9:00AM - 10:00AM
10 Years of Making Small, Big! Goldman Sachs 10KSB - Helping Diverse Small Business Grow
- 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Accessibility is not just equity in action but good for business

07

SATURDAY

- 8:30AM - 6:00PM
Food Symposium

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- Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia

Economic development partners

- The Business Center for Entrepreneurship & Social Enterprise
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- Community College of Philadelphia
- Community First Fund
- Customers Bank
- Drexel University
- Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council
- The Enterprise Center
- Entrepreneur Works
- Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses
- Independence Business Alliance
- MBDA Business Center – Pennsylvania
- National Black MBA Association
- North Broad Renaissance
- Philadelphia Marketplace
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Stay connected with the Department of Commerce by following @phlcommerce on social media platforms. Use hashtag **#MEDWeekPHL** when attending the 2023 MED Week workshops and events throughout the first week of October. Let's continue to ignite the success of businesses in Philadelphia.

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