



ACCESS TO CAPITAL: STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), U.S. Department of Commerce, extends a special invitation to participate in our second Stakeholders' Meeting to support the MBDA's Access to Capital Initiative. Details on the second Stakeholders' Meeting are as follows:

March 18, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (EDT)
U. S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 1414
Washington, D.C. 20230

The meeting will be comprised of representatives of federal government that administer capital programs, minority business advocacy and trade associations, capital providers (debt and equity) and policy institutes that support increasing the flow of capital to minority business enterprises. The discussion will include topics such as accessing TARP Funds and utilizing minority owned banks, mezzanine financiers and other equity funds that serve minority-owned firms. The discussions from the meetings will also serve as the framework for our upcoming Capital Access Forum scheduled for May 11-12, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

The meeting will also be available via teleconference at: 888-790-0724; password: "Stakeholder". **Please confirm your participation to: bmartinez@mbda.gov or call 415-744-3007 no later than March 16, 2009 if you plan to attend.**

Please refer to the MBDA website at: www.mbda.gov for additional information.

MBDA is the only federal agency dedicated exclusively to fostering the growth and success of America's minority business enterprise. Through its research and advocacy efforts, the Agency serves as a leading expert on the economic impact of MBEs.