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The greatest economic challenge that many of us have seen also presents the greatest opportunities for minority businesses!

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)
presents the
2009 National Minority Enterprise Development
(MED) Week Conference
August 26 - 28, 2009
The Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC

For the last 27 years, MBDA has brought you the nation's foremost business leaders to offer advice, counsel and insight to help minority businesses stay competitive in the marketplace.

Now in 2009, MBDA's mission has taken on a new sense of urgency as all businesses battle through these tough economic times. The new administration is investing billions of dollars into states and municipalities for numerous infrastructure and other projects. This year's MED Week will offer you access to the policy makers, program managers, financial lenders and procurement officers who are integrally involved in the process and can help guide you to the best opportunities and partnerships.

MED Week has proven to be simply the most cost effective way to help your business thrive by providing insightful, relevant business strategies and tactics while at the same time helping you forge partnerships you need to be successful.

The 2009 event, Energizing the American Economy with Minority Business Enterprises, is scheduled for August 26th - 28th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. From the Opening Session to the final workshop, senior policy makers, academicians, successful entrepreneurs and corporate leaders will guide attendees in the best ways to navigate the tricky and quickly moving opportunities found within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In addition to prominent keynote speakers, this "must attend" event will pack into 2 full days the State of Commerce Address by Secretary Gary Locke, a Business EXPO, the Annual MED Week Awards Gala, and networking opportunities.

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MED Week offers you an opportunity to connect with some of the most exciting and innovative minds in minority business; and a chance to recognize and honor accomplished minority business owners and advocates throughout the country.

Don't delay! Space at the conference is limited. <u>Click here</u> to register for one of the most important conferences you'll attend this year!