

**LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
WORKSHOP  
Friday, November 5, 2010**

**Intent:** To have an inclusive discussion on the challenges and opportunities to grow the State's economy by growing African-American businesses especially in sectors of growth for the region.

**Objective:** Through an interactive discussion, identify opportunities, challenges and legislative solutions to provide greater access and inclusion for African American businesses in the anticipated growth sectors for the State of Maryland.

Each workshop has been designed to have a "presenter" identify the issues, data, challenges and opportunities with a panel of expert "respondents" reacting to the presentation and bringing their own expertise to the discussion. Each panel respondent is asked to ensure that his or her comments address the issues as it relates to African-Americans and make specific suggestions about potential legislative policy solutions.

**Morning Session:** **Growth Sectors and Opportunities: Are "we" at the right tables to build wealth and provide greater contributions to Maryland's economy. A number of the growth sectors have emerged despite the recession: cyber security/IT, energy and other environmental shifts, and BRAC**

**Time:** 10:00 to 12:00pm

**Location:** Economic Matters Committee Room 230

**Opening Remarks:** Senator Verna Jones

**Moderator:** Kelvin Boston, Moneywise with Kelvin Boston

**Presenter:** Description of the economic growth sectors for the State of Maryland and how these sectors will impact the State's economy – Dr. Darrius Irani, Towson University-Regional Economic Institute RESI

**Panel Respondents:** Secretary Christian S. Johansson, DBED; Robert Burton, Venable; Frank Kelly, BG&E; Frank Stewart, American Association of Blacks in Energy; Secretary Luwanda Jenkins, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and Edsel Brown, NAACP; Karen Bailey, Director of Public Affairs, Penn National Gaming

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- Afternoon Session:** Taking it to the next level/policy tools to close the gaps and build legacy wealth
- Time:** 1:00 to 3:00pm
- Location:** Economic Matters Committee Room 230
- Opening Remarks:** Delegate Michael Vaughn
- Moderator:** Stanley Tucker, Meridian Management Group
- Presenter:** To identify the challenges and opportunities in developing innovative tax and other government sponsored tools to grow African-American businesses. If more innovative tools were available, building wealth among African-American businesses could be significantly expanded. - Franklin Lee, Tydings and Rosenberg, LLP
- Panel Respondents:** James Davenport, American Technology Corporation; Sidney Smith, SRS Counsel, P.C.; Harvey Butler, Butler Management Group; Dana Thompson, Director of Federal Relations, Office of the Governor; Delegate Sheila Hixson; Delegate Dan Morhaim; Senator Richard Madaleno and Senator Joan Carter Conway.