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Minority Business Assistance Centers Cincinnati



GREATER CINCINNATI-NORTHERN KENTUCKY AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2023 WE MEAN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

OUR SPONSORS:



Schedule

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Networking Breakfast

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM
Atrium

Welcome

Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Eric Kearney | President of the African American Chamber, & Monica L. Womack | Chief of the MBDD Ohio Department of Development

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
River Room

Panel Discussion: Taking Your Business to Global Markets

Moderator: Deborah Davis | Cincinnati MBAC
Debbie Dirr | U.S. Department of Commerce
Shanda Harris | NKU & African Business Connect

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Union Room
Ideal Room
River Room

Session 1 Workshops

- Cyber Security with Leah Brantley | USI
- Entrepreneur Toolkit with Amber Twitty | Central State University
- Procurement, Bonding, & Business Risks with Laurence Jones | RiskVersity

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
River Room

Panel Discussion: Access to Capital and Mitigating the Challenges

Panel Moderator: Angelica Johnson | First Financial Bank
Panelists: Catherine Lentz | ECDI, Willie Hill | GCMI, Jeffery Washington | Wright Patt Credit Union, Michael Moore | Black Achievers, & Shaundretta Boykins | MBDD Ohio Department of Development

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Union Room
River Room

Session 2 Workshops

- Venture Capitalism with Manny Larcher | JumpStart
- Doing Business with the Government with Billy Grill | APEX Accelerator & Valarie Williams | MBDD Ohio Department of Development
- Worker's Compensation with Melody Bryant | Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Ideal Lab

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Atrium

Lunch

Sheryl Long | City Manager, Markiea Carter | Department of Community & Economic Development, Collin Mays | Director of the Department of Economic Inclusion, & Resource Leaders

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Atrium

Brent Spence Bridge & Western Hills Viaduct Discussion

Moderator Larry Brown | ODOT
Panelist: Lynette Stevens | ODOT Administrator Office of Outreach & Tom Arnold | Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Manager ODOT, & Bill Shefcik | Principal Structural Engineer, City of Cincinnati

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM

Closing Remarks

3:10 PM – 3:30 PM

Networking Breakout



Extension



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WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

Cybersecurity



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USI Insurance Services

Entrepreneur Toolkit



Amber Twitty
Central State University

Procurement, Bonding, & Business Risks



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Doing Business with the Government



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APEX Accelerator



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Venture Capitalism



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