



U.S. BLACK CHAMBERS, INC.

The National Voice of Black Business

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Carmen West
U.S. Department of Commerce
Minority Business Development Agency
Office of Business Development

Dear Ms. West,

Beginning Wednesday, June 14 – June 16, 2017 the **U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC)**, will host our **6th Annual School of Chamber & Business Management** at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, located at 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. The USBC consists of 118 Chambers of Commerce and affiliated Business Associations in 28 states, supporting 240,000 businesses through our Five Pillars of Service: Advocacy, Access to Capital, Contracting, Entrepreneur Training, and Chamber Development.

Our School of Chamber & Business Management is an annual national education and training conference that strengthens chamber executives' and business owners' leadership, strategic thinking, and management skills. The USBC is a national network whose collaboration with strategic partners, sponsors and government agencies, increases our capacity to serve. The USBC and our school faculty provide committed visionary leadership and critical, spirited advocacy towards the realization of economic empowerment for small businesses owned by African- Americans.

We would like to invite you to be a Featured Panelist on **Thursday, June 15th 2017 at 10:45am – 11:45am** for our segment entitled, “**Workshop Session #4B: Scaling Up: Doing Business Internationally**” during this year's School of Chamber & Business Management.

If your schedule permits, we would be honored to have your participation and would appreciate your confirmation upon receipt by sending us the following so that we may strategically announce your involvement:

- a high-resolution copy of your headshot
- a brief two paragraph biography

Please send all documents to heather@usblackchambers.org.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at ron@usblackchambers.org or, our Conference Coordinator, Heather Holmes, at heather@usblackchambers.org. She can also be reached via cell at 602.538.7500.

I look forward to a positive response!

In the Spirit of Success,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Busby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ron Busby, Sr.
President/CEO
U.S. Black Chambers, Inc.