

2024 CONFERENCE AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM BOOK





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Core Competencies:



- Automation
- Intelligent Docume Processing
- Custom API Development



AI/ML

- Warehouses
- Science





- Data Lakes/
- Analytics / Data
- Data Governance
- Development Continuous Learning



Cloud

- Cloud Native Development
- Cloud Migration
- Cost Optimization

Cyber Security

- Al Cyber Risk
- SOAR / SIEM
- IAM Modernization

Service - MSSP

Zero Trust Architecture Managed Security



Dev. & Delivery

- Agile
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- o ServiceNow, Salesforce, UiPath

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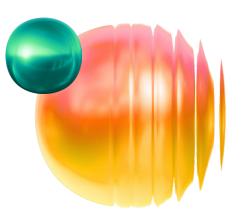








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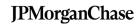










































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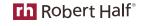






















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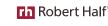






















































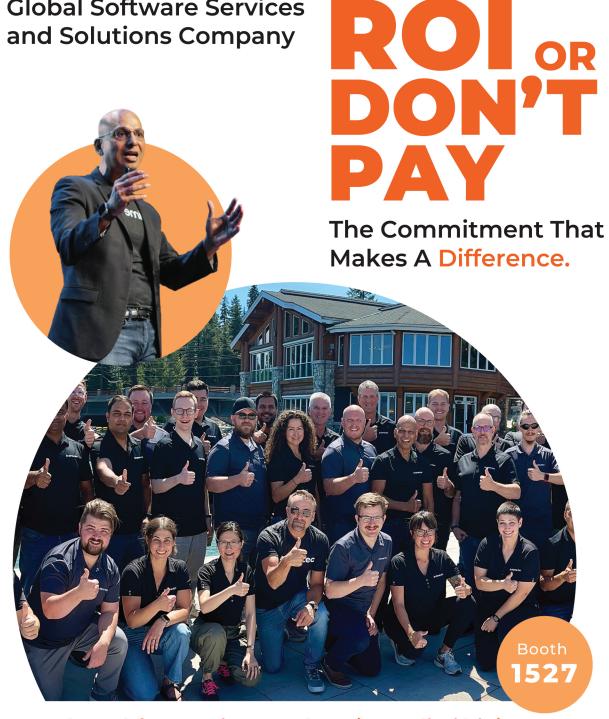






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WELCOME TO ATLANTA!

Thank you for joining us for the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) Annual Conference & Exchange and the Minority Business Development Agency's (MBDA's) National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week. This is the second year in a row NMSDC and MBDA are partnering to bring both signature events for minority business development together in one place. And we couldn't think of a better place to keep last year's momentum going than in the great city of Atlanta, the birthplace of civil rights visionary, Martin Luther King, Jr.

At last year's Annual Conference & Exchange, NMSDC and MBDA took significant steps towards bridging the equity gap, laying the foundation for a more inclusive economy. Now, in 2024, we're focusing on Defining New Norms. In light of the recent and monumental challenges facing diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is imperative we set a course to champion the future of minority business enterprises (MBEs). And the stakes are high. In a world where every voice matters, it is crucial for you to be in the room.

This isn't just about having a seat at the table; it's about actively engaging—sharing experiences, building valuable connections, and collectively shaping the future for MBEs and corporations alike. Whether through The Exchange, one-on-one Matchmaking, Impact Labs, or networking events, you'll have the opportunity to redefine business norms and boost MBE participation in both established and emerging industries.

With sessions on AI, EVs, government contracting, equity capital investment, and business diversity, the potential for growth is immense. Together, we are moving toward our \$1 trillion goal in annual revenue for NMSDC-certified MBEs, and more importantly, closing the equity gap and fostering generational wealth in communities of color. By developing the next billion-dollar MBEs, we're building a stronger, more resilient economy that benefits everyone.

Welcome to a week of inspiration, connection, collaboration, and transformation in Atlanta. Together, we can make a profound impact that will propel us towards a future of inclusivity, equity, and prosperity!

Best Regards,



Ying McGuire **CEO** and President NMSDC

Eric Morrissette Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development MBDA













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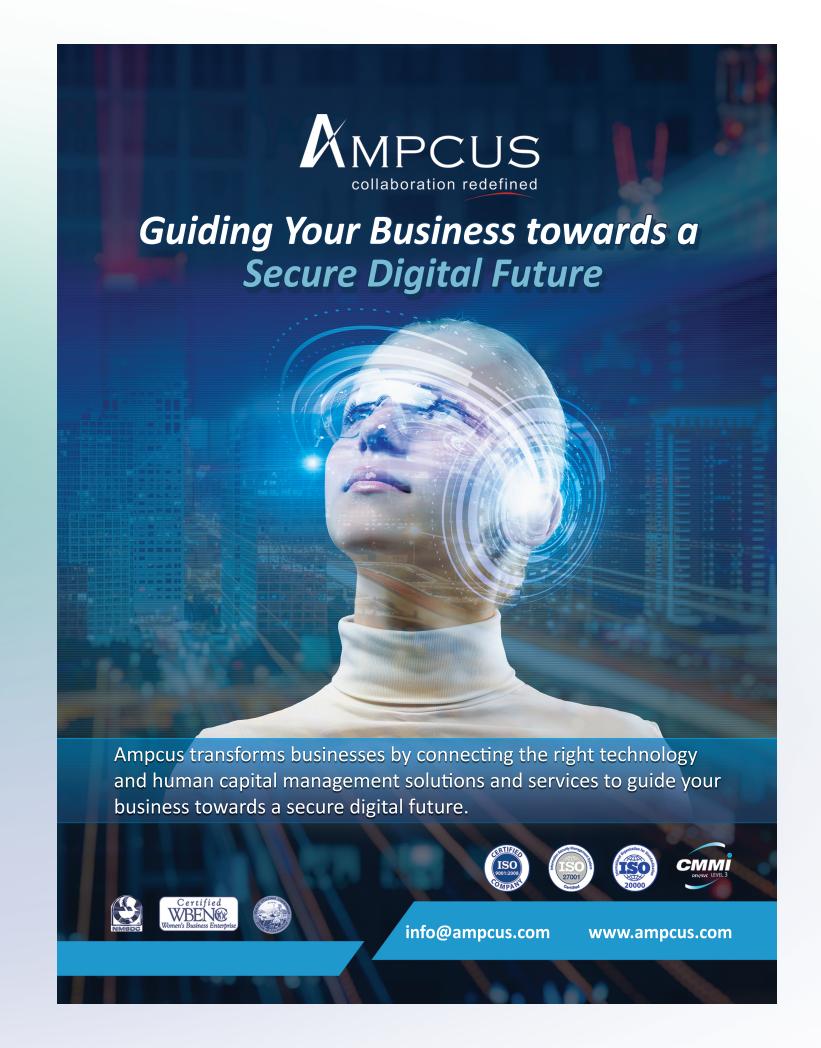
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BUSINESS

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- Fixed monthly payment amount
- No prepayment penalty



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- \$100,000 to \$350,000
- Renewable annually
- Competitive interest rates
- Monthly payments, interest only accrued on funds used
- No prepayment penalty









PRE-QUALIFY IN JUST 1-2 BUSINESS DAYS*

Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

- 3+ years in business
- Gross annual revenue is \$150,000+
- Business model B2B or B2B2C
- At least one (1) new or existing primary or subcontract, or purchase order
- Personal credit score of 650 or higher

Documentation:

- 2022 and 2023 business tax returns
- YTD 2024 income statement
- YTD 2024 balance sheet
- Government issued ID

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LET'S CONNECT

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\$2 Billion

ANNUAL REVENUE

\$100 Million +

INVESTED IN 2024 TO DEVELOP NEW BUSINESS LINES

Top 100

FEDERAL CONTRACTOR

Robust Balance Sheet

NO LONG-TERM DEBT

\$3.04 Billion

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT IN 2021



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- **⊗** Regulatory
- **⊗** Auditing
- **⊗** Gap Assessments

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Bally's NMSDC Golf Classic

TROPHY CLUB OF 1008 Dacula Road, Dacula, GA 30019 **APALACHEE**

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration

HYATT REGENCY Farlie

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Capital Managers Program Networking Event**

(By Invitation Only)

THE GATHERING SPOT 384 Northyards Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 am - 12:00 pm NMSDC Programs Alumni Connections Breakfast

HYATT REGENCY Regency VII

7:00 am - 12:30 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration

GEORGIA WORLD International Lounge **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm NMSDC Information Desk

GEORGIA WORLD Info Desk, Level 4 **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Community Service

GEORGIA WORLD Registration Hall A CONGRESS CENTER

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **Connect Zone**

> **GEORGIA WORLD** Cafe Seating Area (Level 4) **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Zen Room

GEORGIA WORLD Room A411 **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Registration

HYATT REGENCY Farlie

11:00 am - 3:00 pm Automotive Industry Group Meeting

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Spring

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Global Link Committee Meeting

HYATT REGENCY Edgewood

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 (CONTINUED)

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm The Working Group Meeting

HYATT REGENCY Techwood

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Certification Information and MBE Profile Update**

Kiosks

HYATT REGENCY Centennial Ballroom Foyer

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Utility Industry Group Meeting** (By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Embassy CD

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Professional Services Industry Group Meeting

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Marietta

Advertising, Entertainment, Media and Sports Industry 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Group Meeting (By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Roswell

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Food & Beverage Industry Group Meeting

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Embassy AB

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Opportunity Accelerator 2024 (OA24)

Celebrating 10 Years of the Opportunity Accelerator

HYATT REGENCY Centennial Ballroom II & III

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm **Construction Industry Group Board Meeting**

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Vinings

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Retail Industry Group Meeting

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Piedmont

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 (CONTINUED)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Healthcare Industry Group (HCIG) Annual Meeting

(By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY International Lounge

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **Construction Industry Group MBE Networking**

Reception

HYATT REGENCY Green Brier

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm EYE Program Meet & Greet (By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Baker

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Clink & Connect** (By Invitation Only)

HYATT REGENCY Ballroom VI

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm "History in the Making" Welcome Reception

PONCE CITY MARKET 675 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 **ROOFTOP**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 am - 3:30 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

6:45 am - 5:00 pm Registration

> **GEORGIA WORLD** International Lounge **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 am - 6:00 pm **NMSDC** Marketplace

GEORGIA WORLD Sydney J Marcus Auditorium Foyer **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:15 am - 8:30 am Networking Continental Breakfast

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 (CONTINUED)

8:30 am - 10:00 am Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A3 **CONGRESS CENTER**

Defining New Norms in Unprecedented Times

CEO Remarks

Welcome To Atlanta

Power of Impact and Leadership. Unlocking Opportunities For Minority

Businesses

View from the Top - Leadership in the New Normal

9:00 am - 6:00 pm NMSDC Information Desk

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9:00 am - 6:00 pm Community Service

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Cafe Seating Area (Level 4)

9:00 am - 6:00 pm **Connect Zone**

GEORGIA WORLD Registration Hall A **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Zen Room

GEORGIA WORLD Room A411 **CONGRESS CENTER**

10:30 am - 12:00 pm **CEO Roundtable** (By invitation only)

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Executive Boardroom

10:30 am - 11:15 am Impact Labs

Growth Through Capital

Financing Minority Business Expansion: Untapped Resources to Grow Internationally

Room A402-A403

Growth Through Capital

TRACK 1 Future-Proofing Supplier Diversity: Anticipating Trends and Challenges

Description

Room A404-A405

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 (CONTINUED)

TRACK 2 Branding Your Brilliance: 7 Laws to Entrepreneurial Success

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

Room A406-A407

Growth Through Opportunities & Contracting **Empowering MBEs: Navigating Business Opportunities with OEMs in the Automotive Industry**

Room A315

Growth Through Opportunities & Contracting

Championing Supplier Diversity: Strategies for Building an Award-Winning

Program

Room A316

TRACK 3 Growth Through Innovation

High Growth Strategies for America's Diverse-Owned Manufacturers: Pioneering Research, Recommendations, and a Major New Manufacturing Initiative

Room A314

TRACK 2

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks How to Build A Powerful Business Network

Room A313

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

TRACK 2 Building Networks That Drive Growth and Change

Room A312

10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Matchmakers

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Room A302 & A305

11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Impact Labs

Growth Through Capital

Export Resources, Trade Finance & Access to Capital for Diverse Exporters

Room A402-A403

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 (CONTINUED)

TRACK 1 Empowering Suppliers with Innovative Finance Tools

Growth Through Capital

Room A404-A405

Risky Business: The Impact of OSHA's Warehousing and Logistics Emphasis **Program on MBEs**

Growth Through Public Policy

Room A406-A407

Growth Through

Doing Business with Defense Contractors in Support of DoD Mission Requirements

Opportunities & Contracting

Room A315

Growth Through Innovation

Scaling Through Expanded Markets: Nearshoring Opportunities in Mexico and Latin America

Room A316

TRACK 2 Networking: Unlocking Growth Through Strategic Connections

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

Room A314

TRACK 2 Reclaiming Your Company's Identity: Harnessing the Power of Partnerships and Networks to Overcome Negative Press

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

Room A313

TRACK 1 Capital and Growth: Venture Capital and Strategic Funding for Scaling Minority

Growth Through Capital Business Enterprises

Room A312

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Hall A3

Corporate Plus Induction & Afternoon Kickoff

Empowering the Future Workforce: The Role of Colleges and Universities in

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 (CONTINUED)

1:45 pm - 6:00 pm The Exchange

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A1-A2 **CONGRESS CENTER**

2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Power Talks at the NMSDC Theater

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Sydney J Marcus Auditorium

Building Bridges: Leveraging Corporate-Nonprofit Collaborations and Innovative Capital for MBE Expansion

TRACK 1

Growth Through Capital

3:00 pm - 3:20 pm

Al in Action: Practical Insights and Key Steps for Maximizing Al Impact in Your

Growth Through Innovation

3:30 pm - 3:50 pm

Alternative Distribution: Shaping the Future of Business for Partners and

TRACK 2

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

Activating the Supplier Diversity Ecosystem: Fifth Third Bank's Leadership, Value-Driving Events, Conference Elevation, and National Partnerships

TRACK 2

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

4:30 pm - 4:50 pm

Unlocking Potential: Strategic Policies as Game Changers for MBE Success

TRACK 5

Growth Through

Public Policy

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Sponsors Happy Hour (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Peach Tree Social Networking Reception

GEORGIA AQUARIUM 225 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:45 am - 5:00 pm Registration

GEORGIA WORLD International Lounge **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 am - 12:00 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 am - 6:00 pm NMSDC Marketplace

GEORGIA WORLD Sydney J Marcus Auditorium Foyer **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:15 am - 8:30 am Networking Continental Breakfast

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

8:30 am - 10:15 am Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A3 **CONGRESS CENTER**

Welcome Remarks

Charting the Path: Leadership Strategies for New Norms in Equity and

Innovation

MBDA: Introduction

Remarks

MBDA: Investing in Our Communities

Resilience and Resolve: Defending and Advancing DEIA and Diverse-Owned

Businesses

9:00 am - 6:00 pm NMSDC Information Desk

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9:00 am - 6:00 pm **Community Service**

GEORGIA WORLD Cafe Seating Area (Level 4) **CONGRESS CENTER**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Connect Zone

GEORGIA WORLD Registration Hall A **CONGRESS CENTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (CONTINUED)

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Zen Room

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Room A 411

10:00 am - 12:00 pm The Exchange

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A1-A2 **CONGRESS CENTER**

10:30 am - 12:20 pm Power Talks at the NMSDC Theater

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Sydney J Marcus Auditorium

10:30 am - 10:50 am

Expanding Capital Pathways: Sizing the Opportunity Right for Your Business

Growth Through Capital

11:00 am - 11:20 am

Cybersecurity Revolution: Unlocking Growth Through Innovation and Strategic

TRACK 3

Growth Through Innovation

11:30 am - 11:50 am

Advocating for Change: How Strategic Policy Interventions and Advocacy Dismantle Barriers for MBEs

TRACK 5

Growth Through Public Policy

12:00 pm - 12:20 pm

Unlocking Growth: How the Minority Business Development Agency Supports Minority Business Enterprises

TRACK 5 **Growth Through** Public Policy

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Networking Lunch

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

TechScale Industry Group Meeting (By Invitation Only)

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Room A315

1:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (CONTINUED)

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER

Hall A3

Corporate Plus Induction & Afternoon Kickoff

Fireside Chat with US Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo

Fireside Chat with Dr. Malik Yoba: A Journey from Artist to Serial Entrepreneur

2:15 pm - 5:00 pm The Exchange

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A1-A2 **CONGRESS CENTER**

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm **CPO Summit** (By Invitation Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A314 **CONGRESS CENTER**

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm CIO Roundtable (By Invitation Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A313 **CONGRESS CENTER**

2:30 pm - 4:50 pm Power Talks at the NMSDC Theater

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Sydney J Marcus Auditorium

2:30 pm - 2:50 pm Turning Obstacles into Opportunities: How Mentorship Transforms the Path to

TRACK 2

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

Empowering Diverse-Owned Small Businesses Through Sustainability 3:00 pm - 3:20 pm

TRACK 4

Growth Through Opportunities & Contracting

Introduction to Microgrids and your EV Fleet

TRACK 3

Growth Through Innovation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (CONTINUED)

Launching a Successful Start-Up 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm

TRACK 1

Growth Through Capital

4:30 pm - 4:50 pm

Empower the Future Workforce

TRACK 3

Growth Through Innovation

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Meet the Founders Mixer** (By Invitation Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A312 **CONGRESS CENTER**

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm MBDA National MED Week Reception

VENTANAS 275 Baker Street, Atlanta, GA 30313

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:45 am - 12:00 pm Registration

GEORGIA WORLD International Lounge **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 am - 12:00 pm Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

7:00 am - 6:00 pm

NMSDC Marketplace

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Sydney J Marcus Auditorium Foyer

Networking Continental Breakfast

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 (CONTINUED)

8:30 am - 10:00 am Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A3 **CONGRESS CENTER**

Morning Kickoff

Defining New Norms: Powering the Future with a Diverse Clean Energy Supply Chain Sponsored by The American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)

Procurement Leadership in a New Era: CPOs Leading the Charge in Supplier

Diversity

Embracing AI for a Dynamic Future

9:00 am - 6:00 pm NMSDC Information Desk

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9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Community Service

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GEORGIA WORLD Registration Hall A

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Zen Room

GEORGIA WORLD Room A411 **CONGRESS CENTER**

10:30 am - 11:15 am Impact Labs

Growth Through Capital

TRACK 1 Access to Capital - Underwriter Perspective

Room A402-A403

TRACK 3 **Growth Through Innovation**

Empowering Small & Minority Business with Visa

Room A404-A405

Growth Through Innovation

Tap Into the Trillions Being Spent on Clean Energy

Room A406-A407

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 (CONTINUED)

TRACK 4 The Future of Supplier Diversity: Trends and Best Practices

Opportunities & Contracting

Room A315

Growth Through

Growth Through Opportunities & Contracting

Leveraging Strategic Relationships to Drive Supplier Success and Business

Room A316

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

TRACK 2 Partnerships that Catapult your Business Forward

Room A314

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

TRACK 2 The Art of Networking: Building Bonds for Business Growth

Room A313

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks

TRACK 2 Global Growth: Defining New Norms for International Business Expansion

Room A312

10:30 am - 12:15 pm **Matchmakers**

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Room A302 & A305

11:30 am - 12:15 pm Impact Labs

Pathway to Billions: Securing Federal and State Contracts

Growth Through Opportunities & Contracting

Room A402-A403

TRACK 2

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks Xelsior Empowerment Group—Building New Ecosystems Through MBE

Collaboration

Room A406-A407

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 (CONTINUED)

Growth Through Leveraging

Engaging Diverse Suppliers on The Decarbonization Journey

Our Networks

Room A315

Growth Through Leveraging Our Networks Defining New Norms: Perspective and Scalability of a \$1B+ Minority Business **Enterprise (MBE) - Alaska Native Corporation (ANC)**

Room A314

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm Networking Lunch

GEORGIA WORLD Hall 101-103 **CONGRESS CENTER**

1:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Sponsor Lounge (Sponsors Only)

GEORGIA WORLD Room A412 **CONGRESS CENTER**

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Mainstage Sessions

GEORGIA WORLD Hall A3 **CONGRESS CENTER**

MOU Signing & Afternoon Kickoff

Redefining Leadership for a New Era: Embracing Diversity and Driving Change

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Emerging Young Entrepreneurs Pitch Competition

Powered by Master P's Master Class

CONGRESS CENTER

GEORGIA WORLD Room B405 - B406

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Matchmakers

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2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

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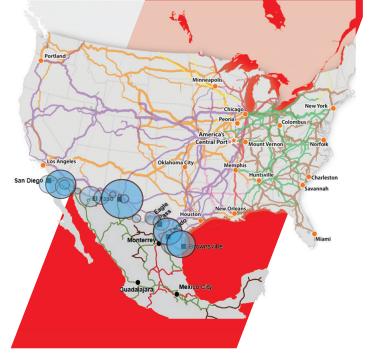
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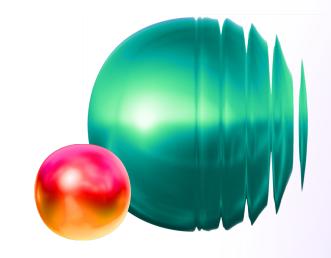
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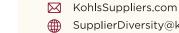
















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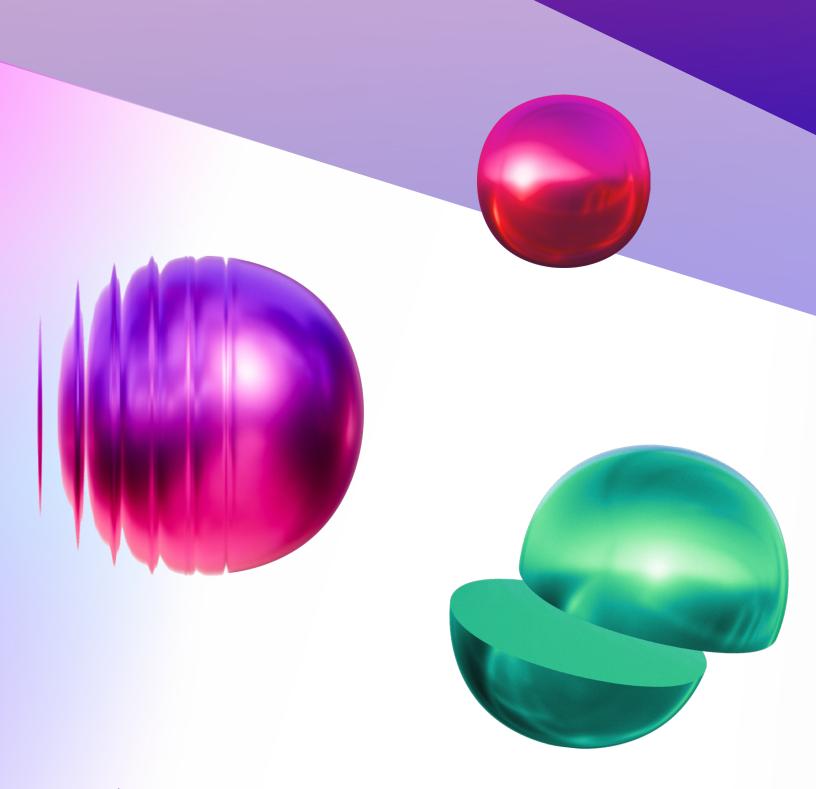


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