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# 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW



 **NBCC** | National  
Black  
Chamber of Commerce  
*"Business Development Like Never Before"*

# Mission Statement

The National Black Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity within the United States and via interaction with the Black Diaspora.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in Washington, DC in March 1993. This business association represents 95,000 Black owned businesses and provides an advocacy that reaches all 1 million Black owned businesses.

The NBCC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization dedicated to the economic empowerment of African American communities. 190 affiliated chapters are locally based throughout the nation as well as international affiliated chapters based in Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, France, Ghana and Jamaica and businesses as well as individuals who may have chosen to be direct members with the national office.

When the NBCC was founded, there were 300,000 African American businesses with annual sales of \$30 billion a year. Today, there are 1,000,000 African American businesses doing \$88 billion a year and African American consumers have a buying power of \$950 billion a year, according to the United States Census.

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## National Black Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Gala at the French Embassy



The election of President Barack H. Obama was an historic moment in the history of our great nation. The National Black Chamber of Commerce, in honor of this groundbreaking election, held the NBCC/NNPA Inaugural Gala at the French Embassy in Washington, DC.

The lavish event was headlined by the musical group "Russell Tompkins Jr. and the New Stylistics" as well as

appearances by musical icons Smokey Robinson and Berry Gordy.

During the Inaugural Gala, there were performances by the Howard University Dance Team as well as an Art Auction by the nationally acclaimed artist Ted Ellis. The event was a huge success as 700 plus attendees joined the National Black Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the election of President Barack Obama.



## "A Salute to Change" January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009



## NBCC Press Conference Union Issues and the Federal Government

The National Black Chamber of Commerce held an important and pivotal press conference titled "Union Issues and the Federal Government". This press conference was in direct response to the onslaught of big unions demanding more expansive control in the private sector in the form of legislation called "The Employee Free Choice Act" or more properly titled "Card Check". The NBCC brought in business leaders from both sides of the aisle from sectors negatively affected by unionization in order to expose the truth, and break the myth of unions as positive forces for employment for women and minorities.

Joining us were Mike Little, President & CEO of B & W Solutions, John Biagas, President & CEO of Bay Electric Company, Michelle Bernard, President of the Independent Women's Forum, John Macklin, National Association of Minority Contractors and John Ulman, President of Ulman Public Policy and Federal Relations.





## At the National Press Club in Washington, DC

