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1. Investment Funding: We have devised a new business model for investment in new ventures. The funding is reserved for businesses in the late stages of formation and are specifically in the industries of **Medical or Energy**. NBCC members who are about to launch their medical or energy related venture and are running out of cash will be strongly considered. Those who fit this situation should contact Charles DeBow at cdebow@nationalbcc.org

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2. **Legacy Tour Workshop:** Our next workshop concerning our Legacy Project will be held in Chicago, IL on March 23, 2010. The content will be “**How to Operate an Effective Black Chamber of Commerce**”.

There will be instruction on how to structure your bylaws, incorporation, best practices, self-review process, fundraising, appointing board of directors, mission completion, committee formation, member services and membership building. The workshop is free to members of the NBCC network. Participation in this program will produce “credits” towards **certification**

. Instructors will include Chair Sherrie Gilchrist, President/CEO Harry C. Alford, Illinois State Black Chamber President and NBCC Board Member Larry Ivory among other distinguished fellows. Those wanting more information should contact Ryan Downey at rdowney@nationalbcc.org

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3. **National School Procurement Program:** Our first round of presentations is set to capacity (February 25, 2010 in Houston). We will begin preparing for our next round within a few weeks. Those wishing to compete for these procurement listings should contact us at your convenience. This program is going to take many of us to the next level of business growth.

4. **18th Annual Convention:** We'll be in Houston, in the energy capital of the world, during July 22-24, 2010

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Energy and Technology: The Drivers of the American Economy.” We have an outstanding rate

of \$129 per night at the luxury 5 star Four Seasons Hotel.

[We promise dynamic speakers, informative workshops and impactful networking.](#)